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England beat West Germany 2-0 at Wembley in 1975. The inset picture shows goalkeeper Sepp Maier being covered by Berti Vogts — who is also featured inside — as Kevin Keegan challenges.

Liverpool and England goalkeeper Ray Clemence writes about the Big Match inside.

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'A SCORE TO SETTLE'

— Malcolm Macdonald

THE EMOTION and nostalgia surrounding Walsall's visit to Highbury on Saturday, February 18, will amount to nothing once the Cup-tie begins.

Because Walsall beat the mighty Arsenal 2-0 in the F.A. Cup Third Round back in 1933 means the older members of both clubs have something to discuss and relive. But for the players involved in the 1978 tie it's business as usual.

But Arsenal want to beat Walsall because it means a place in the Cup Quarter-Finals.

Personally, I have a small score to settle as well. I was a member of the Newcastle team beaten 1-0 at Walsall in a Fourth Round tie in 1975 — not one of my better games.

But any club managed by Dave Mackay must be respected. Dave holds the ultimate F.A. Cup credentials: three winners' medals won with Spurs in 1961, 1962 and 1967.

Yes, we know all about Walsall. And while our reasons for wanting to beat the Third Division team are very modern, I believe the older members of Arsenal will have something special to celebrate as well.

'NO LEAD IN OUR BOOTS'

— Miah Dennehey

IT'S THE marble halls of Highbury. But there will be no lead in the Walsall boots when we face Arsenal.

We will go to Highbury feeling tall and whatever the result we will come away in the same mood.

People are inclined to forget Walsall have a lot of First Division players. I was with Forest before I was released.

Tony Macken and Jeff King were at Derby. And Forest gave Dave Serella a transfer. Dave is a super centre-half. Don't forget goalkeeper Mike Kearns. He is an Eire international — and playing superbly.

And there's Alan Buckley, another ex-Forest man. The First Division clubs are desperate to sign him. I could go on and on. What about Alun Evans, the first £100,000 teenage transfer? He's in midfield now, playing really well and enjoying it.

Why pick out players? We are a team in every sense of the word. We might lose, but Arsenal have more to lose than us.

BRISTOL ROVERS v IPSWICH

'WE WON'T BE OVER-AWED'

— Phil Bater

SINCE BOBBY Campbell has taken over at Eastville, the confidence and belief among the players has really improved.

Everyone enjoys training now and that is going to be a telling factor. He has got the whole place buzzing again.

Saturday is going to be a hard game because no matter what is said we are still playing a First Division side and you've got to respect them.

We have played Ipswich a couple of times in recent seasons in testimonial games and know what we face. We will not be over-awed.

Kevin Beattie has now returned after injury and he will certainly bolster their defence. Colin Viljoen is also gaining match fitness all the time and on song is a good midfield player.

We will treat this game the same as any other. The manager will leave it up to us as to whether we want to go away or not the night before.

The boss will probably take us away for a couple of days during the week before for relaxation. We usually go to Weston, a place in the West Country.

It will be a very tight game, and if the conditions are heavy again then I fancy Bristol Rovers to progress to the Quarter-Finals and cause a shock win.

'FOOTBALL FIRST IN STORE'

— Colin Viljoen

BRISTOL ROVERS away is going to be a hard game. I would have preferred a home tie at this stage of the competition but at least we haven't drawn a First Division club away from home.

I know absolutely nothing about the Eastville side but I am sure we will be informed enough to know them well before the tie on Saturday.

We played them in a testimonial last season, and drew 0-0 I believe, but I wasn't playing because of injury.

Since I have made my comeback, I have played over ten games. I am now getting really fit and as long as we get hold of midfield then I am sure the result will be the right one for us.

Another important factor is our injuries. We have suffered with a crippling list of stars out this season. I am confident that if we beat Rovers on Saturday then Ipswich Town can go all the way to Wembley for the first time ever. A "football first" we are confident of achieving.

DERBY v WEST BROM.

'THIRD TIME LUCKY?'

— Bruce Rioch

THE VERY mention of the F.A. Cup makes my spine tingle. More than anything else in club football, I want to play in a Wembley F.A. Cup Final. That is why our Fifth Round tie with West Bromwich means so much to me.

I remember with bitter regret Derby's 1976 Semi-Final defeat by Man. United.

Twelve months later I lined-up in another Semi-Final, this time for Everton against Liverpool. I equalised to make it 2-2, then Bryan Hamilton's last-minute 'goal' was disallowed. Liverpool crushed us in the replay.

So I'm hoping it will be third time lucky for me. At least this time I have Tommy Docherty on my side. He managed United when they beat us in 1976. And he took them back to Wembley last year when they beat Liverpool 2-1.

The Doc is also looking for something special, a third consecutive F.A. Cup Final.

I expect us to win by the odd goal in three. But if the game goes to a replay, we are confident of our ability to attack and win away from home. We must. I could not bear another Cup heartbreak.

'A DRAW WILL SUIT US'

— Willie Johnston

AS ALBION went into extra-time in our replay against Manchester United, we knew Derby had won and our next trip would be to the Baseball Ground — if we beat United.

We will go to Derby to attack and give everything we have to win. But a draw will suit us, for very few teams beat Albion at The Hawthorns.

Of course, Derby are a good side. Tommy Docherty is doing a fine job. He believes in attack. So it should be a cracking match.

Our team will go there with confidence. We will also go there with respect for Derby, who, as I have already said, are nobody's fools. I would like to think County believe the same about us.

The fans are back with us. They have that Wembley feeling. That feeling is also in the dressing-room. The history fellows say Albion have appeared in 11 F.A. Cup Finals — more than any other team.

Don't be surprised if we make it a dozen.

MIDDLESBROUGH v BOLTON

'IT WON'T BE EASY'

— David Mills

I am glad we drew Bolton Wanderers rather than Mansfield, because Boro seem to do better against quality teams. And in our last two F.A. Cup wins, especially the one against Everton, we've been very pleased with our play.

For the first hour of the match v. Everton, we were in top form and this is the way we hope to play against Bolton. I know they have some good players such as Peter Reid, which is why they have got where they are this season — so it won't be easy.

But we have the advantage of the home tie, and as Bolton are a useful side on their own ground we will be all out to win this game at the first attempt.

However, it is impossible not to think of Wembley, even at an early stage of a competition. And our morale at Ayresome has been boosted quite a lot recently so I do have the thought we might go far this time. But I try to keep that at the back of my mind. We must win the tie against Bolton first.

'THEY'LL MAKE IT HARD'

— Willie Morgan

I HAVE some very fond memories of Middlesbrough — especially in the cup — from my days with Manchester United. We had some rare old battles and I am sure Saturday's encounter will be the same.

People have said we struggled to beat Mansfield Town in the last round but the truth was we created so many chances we could have won by a landslide. As it was it finished as a tense 1-0 win for us.

It is going to be hard for us at Ayresome Park. Manager John Neal's ideas are beginning to show and by all accounts Middlesbrough are playing some attractive football and seem to have discarded their ultra-defensive methods.

Predictions? Yes, Bolton Wanderers will clinch promotion! As for the little matter of an F.A. Cup Fifth Round tie on Saturday I am sure we will put up a good show and if we manage to hit top form then Boro will have to watch us because I would love to get to Wembley again.



Arsenal's Alan Sunderland (3rd left) scores against his former club, Wolves in the previous round.



Willie Johnston (stripes) puts West Brom ahead against Man. United in the Fourth Round.

QUARTER-FINALS

MILLWALL v NOTTS CO.

'A GOOD CUP RUN'

— Dave Donaldson

WE WERE very pleased when we heard the draw. We meet Notts County in the Fifth Round at The Den and I must say I'm very confident.

Our morale was boosted when we overcame Luton Town in the previous round. A 4-0 victory was a tremendous result after so many disappointments this season.

It's always pleasing to have a home draw, but it's also nice to play a side from the same Division instead of a top one from the First Division.

We have been struggling for most of the season, but I can't see us going down.

We've had so many ups and downs with the departures of former manager Gordon Jago and coach Theo Foley. But, since the arrival of George Petchey, we have really begun to play.

He's told us we are the best players in the country, and with that attitude, we've got to believe in ourselves.

Any home draw in the Cup is an added bonus, and with many of the big teams playing each other, I believe we can set up a long Cup run.

'I'LL BE A MARKED MAN'

— Mick Vinter

I SCORED a hat-trick last season when County went to London and beat Millwall 5-2 in the League, so I'm quite well known down there. I expect I'll be a marked man but that doesn't worry me in the least. If I can take pressure off the rest of the lads I will be happy.

County have earned a reputation for away wins in Cup competitions this season. We beat Birmingham at St. Andrews in the League Cup before eventually being knocked out by neighbours Nottingham Forest.

People are realising there is another team in Nottingham besides Forest.

Confidence in the team is very high. We weren't given a chance in either of the two F.A. Cup matches, but we got off to a good start in both games. Brighton were too confident and we were annoyed when we read in the local Press Brighton would be playing either Luton or Millwall in the next round!

We are really looking forward to the game now. We've got to fancy our chances after what's happened. I'm glad we are playing at Millwall. I'm looking forward to going back there.

WREXHAM v BLYTH

'ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN'

— Dai Davies

THIS is Cup football and anything can happen, and I'm not going to be presumptuous enough to underrate Blyth. This time, Spartans are coming to Wrexham as under-dogs, and it could stimulate them into turning in a great performance.

Obviously, our win over First Division Newcastle was heartening, but I shall still take our match against Blyth as I would any other. Blyth must be treated with respect following their victory over Stoke. And for making the progress they have made so far. But an experience I had when I played for Everton against Altrincham in the Cup makes me cautious about forecasting a result.

In the Cup-tie one of our players was sent-off and another broke a leg — we just managed to draw 1-1 at Goodison and this was a first class reminder to me that Cup-ties are unpredictable.

I expect Wrexham to be going hard right through the 90 minutes, and I anticipate that Blyth will be out to repeat their previous impressive Cup win. I hope it is a great game.

'ANOTHER BIG OCCASION'

— Ron Guthrie

OUR trip to Wrexham in the next round means a return journey for two of us in the Blyth side — Dave Clarke and myself. We will be going to the Racecourse Ground to get our revenge.

We were in the Gateshead side that lost 6-0 to Wrexham in the First Round 14 months ago.

This means we have quite a score to settle.

Blyth will go with confidence to Wrexham, because we feel on top of the world after knocking out Second Division Stoke City.

And I am being perfectly honest when I say I thought we were really brilliant in beating Stoke — Spartans were in magnificent form and on the night we simply refused to be beaten.

Our supporters were terrific — I want to thank each and every one of them. But I must also give praise to the Stoke fans, who chanted for us to go back on to the field after the final whistle.

For me, it was the greatest night of my life. Now I'm looking forward to another big occasion for Blyth when we take on Wrexham.

ORIENT v CHELSEA

'NOT FRIGHTENED'

— John Jackson

IT PROMISES to be a very good game from a fans' stand-point, when Chelsea travel across London to our place.

On hearing the draw, there didn't seem to be too much excitement ringing around Brisbane Road. We had a couple of League games before and were waiting until this week when our preparations would begin.

Our opponents in the previous round were Blackburn Rovers, who are among the promotion-chasers in the Second Division.

Our manager Jimmy Bloomfield told us to go out there and have a go. We eventually came out winners by 3-1.

We must fancy our chances against Chelsea, even though they are a First Division outfit. In Round Three we beat Norwich after a replay, also from Division One. That won't frighten us.

You never can tell in the Cup, anything can happen. We're not arriving at the game with the thought of us losing. I believe we're in with an excellent chance.

'ORIENT ARE A BOGEY SIDE'

— Peter Bonetti

FOLLOWING our 6-1 win against Burnley in the last round, we honestly believe we have a great chance in this season's F.A. Cup competition.

With all due respect to Jimmy Bloomfield's Orient we would much prefer to play the East London side rather than say Nottingham Forest.

Mind you, Orient are something of a bogey side to us. I remember a titanic tussle we had with them in the same round back in 1971-72.

Chelsea were leading 2-0 and apparently coasting home, when Orient fought back and shocked us by winning 3-2.

So we can't take anything for granted, and we are going to have to show the same sort of fight we have been showing in the First Division recently to progress through to the Quarter-Finals.

Predictions? If I could see into the future I wouldn't be a footballer today. Seriously, though, if we can match Orient with determination and running then I am quite confident Chelsea's superior ability will do the rest and we'll go through to the next round.

Q.P.R. v NOTTM. FOREST

'COULD BE OUR YEAR'

— Don Givens

I am hoping our tremendous 6-1 victory against West Ham in the Fourth Round will be the turning point for Queens Park Rangers.

We have really struggled in the League this season, but everything we attempted came off for us v. The Hammers in the replay at Loftus Road.

What a prospect for the fans on Saturday — League leaders Nottingham Forest at home. They have continued to amaze me. I thought their bubble would burst. It hasn't... yet!

I am hoping their minds will be more on the League Championship than the F.A. Cup, and maybe we could capitalise on that.

Brian Clough's side beat us 2-0 earlier in the season at our place, but our performance that day was disappointing to say the least. Forest didn't have to exert themselves too much to get the two points.

But with home advantage and our League showings improving I believe we can progress through and this could well be our year for lifting the F.A. Cup.

'WE ARE NOT WORRIED'

— Viv Anderson

AFTER our tremendous 2-1 victory against Manchester City in the previous round at the City Ground, we were over the moon. After all, the Maine Road club are considered by many to be one of the top clubs in the country at the moment.

It was a typical cup-tie. Played at a fast pace with plenty of atmosphere.

We got the perfect start when John Robertson scored a great goal with a curling shot past Joe Corrigan. Then went 2-0 up when Peter Withe scored a header, and although Brian Kidd pulled one back for City we were well worth our victory.

Nobody is worried about the fact of having to travel to Queens Park Rangers on Saturday. The boss, Brian Clough, has insisted we take each game as it comes. There'll be no complacency in the Forest camp.

We beat Rangers 2-0 at Loftus Road earlier this season and if we continue our impressive run then I see no reason why we shouldn't progress, possibly by the same score-line.



Billy Bonds puts West Ham ahead against Q.P.R. Ernie Howe later equalised for Rangers.



Chelsea (light socks) on the attack in a high scoring match v. Burnley. Chelsea won 6-2.

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ASK THE EXPERT

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Debut time

Can you tell me the birthdates of Ray and Graham Wilkins, and when each made his League debut for Chelsea?

PAMELA WHITTINGTON,
SURREY

● Ray was born on 14th September, 1956, and Graham on 28th June, 1955, Pamela — both at Hillingdon, Middlesex.

Graham made it to the League side first — in a 0-3 defeat at Ipswich on Boxing Day, 1972.

Ray made his own debut on 26th October, 1973 — coming on as sub for Dave Webb in a 3-0 home win over Norwich.

Kevin's first for 'Pool

Please settle an argument by telling me against whom Kevin Keegan scored his first League goal for Liverpool?

ANDREW HAYES,
DONCASTER

● Kevin was quick off the mark, Andrew — scoring Liverpool's opening goal in the 3-1 win over Nottingham Forest on his First Division debut on 14th August, 1971.

In the net

Who invented goal-nets?

NEVILLE MILLER,
ILFORD

● They were invented and patented by a Liverpool football fan named J. A. Brodie in 1890, Neville.

Nets were first tried out in a game at Nottingham in January, 1891, and as they seemed a useful innovation, were first used in an F.A. Cup Final later that same season.

Happy birthdays

I'd like to know the birthdates, and birthplaces, of Gordon Hill and Stan Bowles?

FIONA MCINTYRE,
WHITEHAVEN

● Gordon was born in Sunbury-on-Thames on 1st April, 1954, Fiona; and Stan in Manchester on 24th December, 1948.

Under-23 stars

Now Under-23 games have gone out, could you tell me who's played most for England at that level?

MARK PARKER,
SOUTH AFRICA

● Two Spurs' players share that distinction, Mark.

Both Martin Chivers and Steve Perryman made 17 appearances for England Under-23's — though Chivers' first dozen came while still with Southampton.

Charlton hammered

Please settle an argument as to who scored Cardiff's six goals against Charlton in 1971.

MICHAEL LANE,
CARDIFF

● That Second Division game took place on 23rd October, 1971, Michael — and Cardiff rattled 'em in from Brian Clark (2), John Parsons (2), Ian Gibson (pen.), and an own-goal from Paul Went who now, of course, plays for Cardiff himself.

Charlton's lone reply in that 6-1 romp came from Cyril Davies.

Missed the Cup

I've been told Q.P.R. didn't play in the F.A. Cup in one pre-War season because they forgot to send in an entry. Is it true?

GARY NICHOLAS,
LEIGH

● Sure is, Gary — in the 1926-27 season. Seems everybody thought someone else had dealt with the entry — and no one had!

Still, Rangers aren't unique in that embarrassment — as Birmingham dropped a similar clanger five years earlier, while Sheffield Wednesday sent their entry in too late in 1886.

SHORT PASSES

● Bob Latchford scored 68 goals in 160 League games for Birmingham before joining Everton in February, 1974.

(GRONAN O'LAUGHLIN, Dublin)

● The seven Arsenal players in the England side which beat Italy 3-2 in 1934 were Moss, Male, Hapgood, Copping, Bowden, Drake, and Bastin.

(MIKE GARNETT, Bournemouth)

● The Valley, Charlton's ground, has the largest current capacity of any Football League club — 66,000.

(MALCOLM WINKLES, Walsall)

● Scottish club Queen's Park have appeared in an (English) F.A. Cup Final in 1884 and 1885; Glasgow Rangers reached the Semi-Finals in 1887.

(KEVIN NUTLAND, Bristol)

● Newcastle (11), West Bromwich (ten), and Aston Villa (nine) have played in most F.A. Cup Finals.

(SHELLY TIVARI, Chatham)

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

THANKS to West Bromwich Albion, Manchester United will be playing a League match against Leeds United at Old Trafford this Saturday (February 18th), instead of a Fifth Round Cup-tie at Derby County.

As you know, Albion knocked us out of the competition in a stirring replay at The Hawthorns a couple of weeks ago.

Everyone at Old T. is still very disappointed our hopes of retaining the trophy were lost in the mud of The Hawthorns. But at least United kept their pride in defeat.

It was a tremendous, thrill-a-minute match, which really summed up what the F.A. Cup is all about. Action, drama, excitement, great goals, capacity crowds and the sheer tension "sudden death" competition brings.

But, and I don't want to take anything away from Albion, United only have themselves to blame for not reaching the Fifth Round and getting a chance to stop Tommy Docherty's progress towards making a third consecutive appearance at Wembley — this time with Derby.

We missed several good opportunities in the first match at Old T. before Stevie Coppell saved our hides with a last-minute shot that hit a post and cannoned off 'keeper Tony Godden's chin before going into the net.

All eyes were on our new striker Joe Jordan, making his debut for United. Instead it was defender Stewart Houston and 'keeper Paddy Roche who took most of the honours, especially in the first-half. One save by Paddy from Cyrille Regis was out of this world.

of the most momentous Cup-ties in the history of the competition.

The fury of the action never ceased. As one writer said afterwards: "United's last stand in the battle for this season's honours failed heroically in the trenches of West Brom."

Yes, it was almost hand-to-hand combat. It was that close . . . that tough.

Tony Brown put the Midlanders ahead early on. A few minutes later Pancho Pearson made it 1-1.

Cyrille Regis, as big and as brave as they come, gave West Brom the lead again just after the restart.

Then, just like Stevie Coppell four days earlier, I scored United's late equaliser.

I struck the ball from way out, with the outside of my boot and bent it past Tony Godden. From the moment I connected I knew the ball was on its way into the net. You get that feeling sometimes.

Albion's extra-time decider came from a rebound off the crossbar, Regis heading in after Ally Brown — my man of the match — had swung at John Trewick's centre.

So United had lost . . . but we went out of the F.A. Cup playing like real Champions. I doubt if even the most hardened Albion fan will deny us that.

My one disappointment — result apart — was the booking I received from referee George Courtney.

Their defender Paddy Mulligan played the ball in front of me and tried to get past. I was going for the ball when he ran straight into me. The ref immediately blew up and gave me the yellow card for obstruction.

'United kept pride in defeat'

Rain made the conditions very difficult, but no one in the 57,000 crowd could genuinely complain about the performances of both sides.

Willie Johnston scored for Albion in the second-half before Stevie's Cup-saver near the end.

The fiery Scot was as aggressive as ever, especially in the replay. Wild Willie will have to curb his temperament in Argentina otherwise he'll get sent-off every time he goes near an opponent.

For all that, Willie is one heck of a player. Change him and you could cut his effectiveness down by half.

United went to The Hawthorns for the replay confident of victory, despite our poor League record there.

However, it was Albion who emerged as the winners, after one



my soccer scene
**GORDON
HILL**



ABOVE . . . Steve Coppell scores United's last-gasp equaliser against West Brom in the first game at Old Trafford.

BOTTOM OF PAGE . . . Tony Brown slides in to open Albion's account in the replay at The Hawthorns. The Midlands side won 3-2 after extra-time.

Anyhow, good luck to Paddy and Albion in the next round, although I'm taking Derby to beat them at the Baseball Ground. Tommy Doc has that Wembley look in his eye again.

Of the other ties, I expect Arsenal to beat plucky Walsall . . . Ipswich to win at Bristol Rovers . . . Middlesbrough to have a slight edge over Bolton . . . my old club Millwall to "do" Notts County at The Den . . . Wrexham to beat non-Leaguers

Blyth . . . Chelsea to sink Orient, after a replay . . . and the shock of the Fifth Round, First Division strugglers Q.P.R. to knock out Championship possibles Nottingham Forest.

As fans up and down the country cheer on their Cup favourites, United will be battling to beat Leeds at Old T. We desperately need to build up our points total to ensure United finish the season high enough in the table to qualify for the U.E.F.A. Cup next term.

Joe Jordan, in action against his old club, will be keener than ever to justify that £350,000 price tag.

United won last season's corresponding game 1-0, due to Trevor Cherry putting through his own-goal.

The Leeds' skipper, and my England colleague, did the same thing against United at Elland Road earlier this season, a few minutes before Ray Hankin struck an equaliser.

Despite their recent run of form and the inspired displays of Hankin, Trevor Cherry, Tony Currie, Brian Flynn and Arthur Graham, I must take United to win at Old T.

Buoyant

Before I close this week there's a little matter of England's match against West Germany in Munich next Wednesday (February 22nd).

The mood of the whole squad after the Italian game at Wembley was so buoyant I really believe we can beat the World Champions.

Mind you, we all know it won't be easy against a team tipped as possible World Cup winners in Argentina. If they do, it will be for the second time in succession.

West Germany combine skill and physique with aggression and power . . . almost the perfect combination.

Naturally I wish them well in Argentina, but not against an England side with a great deal to play for in Munich next Wednesday night.

Cheers for now . . .



SUNDERLAND are likely to release defender Colin Waldron on a free transfer at the end of the season. The former Burnley and Manchester United player has been out of the first team picture at Roker Park this term.

WHO'S WHO AT ALBION

STATISTICIAN Tony Matthews has just produced a unique book... West Bromwich Albion's Who's Who. It contains pen-pictures of each and every first team player who has appeared for West Brom since September, 1879.

The book sells at £1.25 and can be obtained from the Albion Club Shop, c/o The Hawthorns, West Bromwich, West Midlands B71 4LF. It's a must for all Albion fans... at home or away.

WATFORD are offering any new players they sign this season three-year contracts — to avoid any upsets when Freedom of Contract comes in.

Says manager Graham Taylor: "It would be stupid to have anything we are working towards here ruined by contract disputes.

"This plan means I've got a great chance of building a team knowing it will mature like an insurance policy."

JOHN ALEXANDER, the Millwall forward, has one big ambition — to be drawn away to Liverpool in the F.A. Cup.

Liverpool-born Alexander, a Merseyside and Lancashire schoolboy player from 1972 to 1974, used to be Liverpool-mad. His favourite players were Roger Hunt and Steve Heighway.

The 22-year-old Alexander was recommended to Millwall by former Lions favourite Eamon Dunphy, who was coach to the London University team which John played for.

Fiat Irish League

LINFIELD held a three-point lead over Champions Glentoran at the halfway stage of the Fiat-sponsored Irish League Championship.

The Blues were undefeated in all 11 games, winning nine and drawing two, and, with 34 goals scored and 12 conceded, had a marginally superior goal-difference over their Belfast rivals, who hit 31 and let through ten, in winning eight times, drawing once and losing twice in the same period.

Ulster's 12 senior outfits totalled 208 goals in the opening 66 League fixtures, an average of three goals a game.

Leading League marksman during this spell was Glentoran striker Peter Dickinson, who hit 11 goals, including all five in a 5-0 win v. Cliftonville.

FIRST GOAL

WITH this fine header, from an Alan Suddick cross, Steve Johnson, scored his first League goal for Bury in their 3-0 win at Rotherham recently. What a way to open your account in the Football League!



GOOD COMPANIONS

ORIENT's talented young defender Glenn Roeder has two unusual training companions — his pet whippets Be Useful and Wimpy.

"We walk to the local golf course every day and then have a great run around," says Glenn. "I find it helps me to be extra sharp on the field."

HARTLEPOOL, still to defeat a First Division side for the first time in their 70 year history, had the only player with a club in the F.A. Cup Fourth Round who had scored in all the previous three — former Huddersfield striker Bob Newton.

He ran out of luck against Ipswich in their Cup-tie on January 25th, though when they lost 4-1.

HARD MAN

FULL-BACK Alan Joynson has built up quite a record in the Rotherham Sunday League... for injuring opponents.

Thirty-seven-year-old Alan has broken the legs of seven other players, fractured a man's arm and forced another to give up the game.

"But I'm no clogger," he says. "In fact I regard myself as a good sportsman. I've never been sent-off and have suffered a broken leg and jaw myself."

Seems the ideal choice for SHOOT's six-a-side team.

Law staying out

DENIS LAW, one-time "Golden Boy" of British football, has turned down the chance of a comeback at the age of 38 — because he doesn't want to embarrass anybody.

Clubs in America and Eire were ready with tempting offers to entice the former Manchester United, Manchester City, Torino and Scotland ace back to football.

But honest Denis gave them a firm "no" — after playing in a small-scale charity game in the Channel Islands.

Said Denis: "I was horrified with my performance. The timing and the running had gone and I was right out of condition."

"It is amazing how far you go back when you are out of training. My display convinced me it just wouldn't be fair to take anybody's money for what I have to offer right now."

"Perhaps if I ever got into training again and got myself into shape I might have second thoughts. But until then I'm staying off the field."

'SAVE OF THE SEASON'

SCOTTISH Second Division club Clyde have to watch the pennies — and that's why they are extra grateful to a motorist who drove past their Shawfield ground during the match with Falkirk.

Their midfielder John Brogan had just booted the ball right out of the ground and it bounced on the bonnet of the driver's car.

Before he could stop, two young boys ran out of a tenement and collected the ball. The motorist followed them into the building, retrieved the ball and delivered it back to the club. As match balls cost around £25, Clyde reckon the motorist made the "save of the season" for them.

● **Stuart Pearson** finds enough space to score United's second goal against Carlisle at Old Trafford. The Reds won 4-2.



'We should have beaten lucky United?'

BILL RAFFERTY (CARLISLE)

CARLISLE striker Bill Rafferty had some solid criticisms to make of Manchester United after the two sides F.A. Cup Third Round clash. The Reds won the tie 4-2 in a replay at Old Trafford — but Rafferty wasn't too impressed by their performance in the two matches.

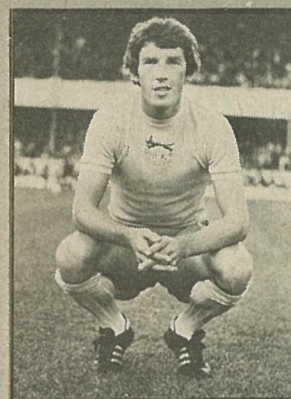
"I couldn't believe how ordinary they were — I was expecting a lot more," he said. "I wasn't at all surprised to see Dave Sexton buying players and I reckoned they needed a centre-half more than anything else."

"United were always suspect at the back: always likely to give goals away. They didn't outplay us, even at Old Trafford and it was only because we made silly mistakes at the back and gave goals away, that United won."

"We should have beaten them in the first match at our place instead of drawing 1-1 because we were all over them."

Rafferty said it was hard to judge what had gone wrong at Old Trafford because of United's erratic form.

"They thrashed Everton away and then lost at home to Birmingham during the Christmas period,"



he said. "So how do you start analysing results like that?"

"They lack consistency, really, that's one thing. And they have needed someone like Gordon McQueen, that has been priority really. Someone tall in the middle like the Scottish international defender."

"But if I was boss there, I wouldn't consider selling Stuart Pearson. He impressed and seemed the only one likely to score against us."

"He is playing well and scoring goals. Even at Carlisle, when United were in trouble, he found a lot of space for himself and did well."

Help Style

Rafferty believes the signing of Joe Jordan will greatly help United's style. "It will add another dimension to their game," he says.

"Until he arrived, they were having to play everything short. You never saw anything going to the far post — it was all short balls and crosses knocked to the near post. With Jordan there now, they will have the choice and won't be so predictable."

● **WOLVES'** striker John Richards is the only player to have scored in the F.A. Cup Third Round for the fifth successive season. He helped his side defeat Exeter 3-1 in a replay at Molineux, of course.

● **COLIN HARPER**, the former Ipswich town full-back, has been appointed player-manager of League of Ireland club Waterford.



EAST FIFE, languishing at the foot of the Scottish First Division, have appointed the youngest manager in British senior football. He is 27-year-old Dave Clarke, whose appointment as player-manager followed the resignation of ex-Hibs and Coventry star, Roy Barry, who managed the Methil side for a period of 14 months.

It was exactly ten years ago Dave signed for East Fife from the Edinburgh juvenile side, Tynecastle Boys' Club. Dave's is a part-time appointment. When he is not involved in football he runs a hotel in Lochgelly, Fife.

Q.P.R. 'keeper Phil Parkes could be on the move from Loftus Road when he has completely recovered from a knee operation. One interested club? Manchester United who wanted the former Walsall player before his injury.

NOT 'BUTCH'

CHELSEA and England star Ray Wilkins made it clear in his SHOOT column some time ago he doesn't like the nickname "Butch".

Now he wants to make it even clearer to Pressmen and fans alike.

"It was a good name when I was a youngster because it helped me to establish my identity," said Ray.

"But now I'm over 21 and more mature, I want to be called by my real Christian name Ray. O.K?"

We've got the message, Butch. Er, sorry, Ray, but habits do die hard.

NEWS DESK

COMPILED BY PETER STEWART

F.A. CUP-holders Manchester United achieved their 81st post-War win in the competition when they defeated Carlisle at Old Trafford in a Third Round replay.

United are top of this F.A. Cup-tie League with Liverpool on 69 and Chelsea, who put them out in the Third Round, now on 64, third.

Happy Prince

SINCE Bobby Campbell took over as manager of Bristol Rovers, their mid-field star Frankie Prince has made it clear he no longer wants to leave the club.

"I feel Rovers are beginning to go places again . . . and I want to be part of their future," said the 28-year-old Welshman.

"Great news," said Bobby. "I never wanted Frankie to leave, anyway."

'Lisbon Duos'

ABERDEEN manager Billy McNeill has been joined by his former Lisbon Lion team-mate, John Clark, who is now second-in-command at Pittodrie. The ex-Celts are determined to maintain the Dons' challenge to Rangers in the Premier Division Championship.

The partnership is the second "Lisbon duo" operating in Scottish football. Farther South at Dens Park, Dundee manager Tommy Gemmell was recently joined by Willie Wallace whom he appointed coach.

And over at Firhill, Bertie Auld, Partick Thistle's manager, is the third ex-Lisbon Lion in the "hot seat".

STRUGGLING Third Division club Portsmouth were the first club to inquire about Bristol City's transfer seeking Gerry Gow . . . but an asking price of £120,000 quickly put them off.

TOP LAD

YOU will have a job to find a more dedicated sportsman than David Hawker, 19-year-old H'ill midfielder.

The Hull-born youngster counts among his other sporting activities golf, rugby, cricket, volleyball, snooker, tennis and table tennis.

A former Hull schoolboy player, he was Hull City's apprentice of the year in season 1975-76.

And there's no doubt about it — he means to keep his eye in as far as sport is concerned.

DERBY County winger Gerry Ryan made a brief return visit to his native Dublin recently. The occasion was a very special one — Gerry married Simone, the "girl next door".



Young Saints at The Dell

THESE youngsters from the Southampton Soccer Centre in London, were guests of Saints' manager Lawrie McMenemy at The Dell recently. Apart from watching Southampton in action, the lads had lunch and took part in an American style shoot-out tournament before the kick-off. That's going for goal in a 25 yard run in under eight seconds.

Winners of the competition sponsored by Arena U.K. Ltd and Stylo Match-makers were Rubin Agboula (third, left, back row) and Under-14 Champion Steve Pettulo (third right, front row).

Man behind the successful soccer centre is Bob Higgins, who has helped groom several of today's Saints' stars, including Austin Hayes and Steve Williams.

Pistol-Packing Striker



ARSENAL's "SuperMac" Malcolm Macdonald has not been on target as often as he would have liked this season. But one time he showed he was still quick on the draw came when Arsenal played Bristol City at Ashton Gate earlier this season.

He joined in when the Evening Court Ranch from Gloucester gave a display before the match, when the 40-strong troupe had a Wild West shoot-out on the pitch before the match.

BIG BROTHER

ANOTHER Pejic is making the grade at Stoke. Right-back Melvyn Pejic is hoping to follow in the footsteps of his more illustrious brother, Mike, who won England honours with Stoke before moving on to Everton for £140,000 last February.

Melvyn, a professional with Stoke since June, has had a good grounding in the game, having represented Newcastle-under-Lyme schoolboys and Staffordshire Youth.

● A 40-SEATER British-built coach is on its way to the United Arab Emirates to be used by Don Revie's footballers.

● The coach has showers, massage tables, a physiotherapy unit, colour television, hi-fi, suede covered seats and air conditioning. The cost? A cool £75,000.

BRISTOL CITY striker Paul Cheesley, after a long battle to regain fitness after injury, has been advised by doctors to retire.

SCORER in a local League match in Cardiff was . . . Mr. Joe OFFSIDE.

SMART BENSON

BOURNEMOUTH boss John Benson congratulated himself on a smart stroke of business recently when he signed striker Trevor Finnigan from Blackpool for £3,000.

Benson had been chasing the ex-Runcorn striker for a long time. But Blackpool refused to consider letting him go.

They suddenly changed their minds — and Benson moved in again to snap up a bargain.

EVERTON boss Gordon Lee would like to buy Geoff Nulty from his former club, Newcastle. Trouble is, there is still bad feeling over Lee's move to Goodison, and Newcastle aren't keen to do business with him.

BRIGHTON goalkeeper Peter Grummit has been forced to retire from the game because of a knee injury.

RIGHT SPIRIT

WILLIE McLEAN, who resigned as manager of Motherwell in December, is back in football as full-time manager of part-time Raith Rovers who are seeking promotion back to the Scottish First Division after being relegated last season.

McLean has joined the Starks Park club in the right spirit. On his arrival at Kirkcaldy he said: "I don't intend being manager of a Second Division side for long. I want First Division football back here without any delay. That will bring the crowds back."

He spent the last five years of his playing career with Raith Rovers then became coach to Dunfermline Athletic. He became manager of Queen of the South before joining Motherwell.

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When England last met West Germany on March 12th, 1975, it was the occasion of Wembley's 100th international. England beat the World Cup holders 2-0 with goals from Colin Bell and Malcolm Macdonald.

The two countries have played each other in 13 matches but England have had the better of the exchanges, winning eight times to Germany's three with two other games drawn in the series. The last draw was in the European Championship Quarter-Final on May 13th, 1972, when the teams played a goalless match in Berlin. It was the second-leg following Germany's 3-1 win at Wembley the previous month.

It took Germany 38 years to record their first win over England. During this time they had to suffer seven successive defeats. But the breakthrough came on June 1st, 1968, in Hanover when a goal by Franz Beckenbauer gave the home team their first such victory.

The first full international occurred on May 10th, 1930, in Berlin when the sides drew 3-3 with goals by Joe Bradford (2) and David Jack for England and a hat-trick from Richard Hofmann in reply.

Nine goals represent the highest aggregate between them. And England scored twice as many as their opponents when they had a 6-3 success in Berlin on May 14th, 1938. The teams on that memorable occasion were: England:

West Germany v England Munich, Wednesday, February 22nd

We begin our scene setting for this friendly international with facts and figures about past games.

Woodley; Sproston, Hapgood, Wilingham, Young, Welsh, Matthews, Robinson, Broome, Goulden, Bastin. Germany: Jakob; Janes, Munzenberg, Kupfer, Goldbrunner, Kitzinger, Lehner, Gellesch, Gauchel, Zepan, Pesser. Scorers were: England — Jackie Robinson (2), Cliff Bastin, Frank Broome, Stanley Matthews and Len Goulden; Germany — Rudolf Gellesch, Josef Gauchel and Hans Pesser.

Probably the most exciting meeting came in the World Cup Final of 1966 played at Wembley on July 30th. Fortunes fluctuating throughout made it an outstanding and memorable event with the Germans gaining a dramatic late equaliser to force extra-time. Eventually England won 4-2 with Geoff Hurst scoring a hat-trick and Martin Peters also scoring with Helmut Haller and Wolfgang Weber registering for West Germany.

The Germans exacted World Cup revenge on June 14th, 1970, in Mexico at Leon when they recovered from being two goals down to win 3-2 again after extra-time. Alan Mullery and Martin Peters were the England

marksmen with Franz Beckenbauer, Uwe Seeler and Gerd Muller replying.

In Germany's list of international results against England their total is four more than their opponents! But the first four times the Germans played against an England side they were opposed by the amateur internationals of our country. England won three of these games and drew the other one in a series between 1908 and 1913.

England's most-capped international is Bobby Moore with 108 caps, while Franz Beckenbauer with 103 appearances for Germany is his country's leading player. But while Beckenbauer is the only century-maker in Germany, England have had two others who have topped three figures in Billy Wright (105 caps) and Bobby Charlton (106).

England can claim to have beaten the World Cup winners twice in games in the series against West Germany. The first time was at Wembley on December 1st, 1954, when England

won 3-1. The scorers that day were Roy Bentley, Ronnie Allen, and Len Shackleton for England and Alfred Beck for Germany in what was his only appearance at full level.

The Germans also defeated England when they were World Cup-holders in 1968 of course, to reverse the situation. Included in the German team that day was Berti Vogts, who is now skipper of West Germany.

The Germans continued to play international matches until the middle of the last War. Their last was on November 22nd, 1942, against Slovakia when they won 5-2. After that there was exactly an eight year gap before they resumed international fixtures after being readmitted to F.I.F.A. Switzerland were their opponents, on November 22nd, 1950, and Germany won 1-0 in Stuttgart thanks to Herbert Burdenski's goal. The referee was England's Arthur Ellis.

Of these 13 previous encounters six have been in England, six in Germany and one in Mexico. England have won five times on their own soil and lost once while in Germany it has been three wins for England, only one for Germany and two drawn games. Germany won in Mexico. Overall the goal-scoring has resulted in England leading 29-17.

In spite of England's failure to qualify for the 1974 and 1978 World Cups, their record since reaching the European Championship Semi-Finals in 1968 to date, is second only to West Germany's.

Including all internationals, even those played on neutral grounds, the full records are:

	P	W	D	L
W. Germany	67	41	17	9
England.....	71	35	22	14
Italy.....	50	22	16	12

Current European Champions Czechoslovakia are 11th and Scotland who qualified for both World Cups are 12th.

	P	W	D	L
Czechoslovakia.....	61	21	21	19
Scotland.....	54	19	16	19

FULL RECORD:

10-5-30	Berlin	Germany 3	England 3
4-12-35	Tottenham	England 3	Germany 0
14-5-38	Berlin	Germany 3	England 6
1-12-54	Wembley	England 3	W. Germany 1
26-5-56	Berlin	W. Germany 1	England 3
12-5-65	Nuremberg	W. Germany 0	England 1
23-2-66	Wembley	England 1	W. Germany 0
30-7-66	Wembley	England 4	W. Germany 2 * (a.e.t.)
1-6-68	Hanover	W. Germany 1	England 0
14-6-70	Leon	W. Germany 3	England 2 * (a.e.t.)
29-4-72	Wembley	England 1	W. Germany 3 †
13-5-72	Berlin	W. Germany 0	England 0 †
12-3-75	Wembley	England 2	W. Germany 0

* World Cup † European Championship

Francis Lee (number seven) runs in to score England's equaliser against West Germany in 1972. The Germans won 3-1.



If England ever needed an incentive to beat West Germany it was provided for them in December by that remarkable result in Dortmund: West Germany 1, Wales 1. New manager Ron Greenwood who saw that game admits England must now go all out to better that result or at least equal it.

"Wales performed extremely well on the day, and in some ways it was a bad result for us, because it made Germany realise they don't have a divine right to beat everybody as some of their people were obviously thinking.

"Now they'll be all the more determined to get the ship on course again by beating England."

Greenwood, whose three previous games in charge of the national side, have produced victories over Luxembourg and Italy and a disappointing draw with Switzerland, sees the match as a great opportunity to build on what has so far been achieved.

"This will be my first match since I was officially appointed, and also the first since I got together my team of managers and coaches who will shape the future of English international football.

"Therefore the result is important to us all. I want everybody to feel a part of the national side, the manager, the players, the coaches and most of all the general public who must so desperately want England to be successful.

"Clearly we couldn't have a more difficult start than to take on the World Champions, but I regard that as being perfect. We might as well start at the top where we want to be competing all the time.

"There's always something a bit special about any match between England and West Germany. There's the historical tie-up between the two countries, our World Cup victory of 1966, West Germany's revenge win in Mexico four years later, and the fact we're

one of the few sides to have beaten them since they won the World Cup in '74."

It's remarkable that the Germans have managed to stay in the forefront of world football when you bear in mind they've lost players of the stature and calibre of Franz Beckenbauer, Gerd Muller and Gunter Netzer in recent years.

Yet their recent record is comparable with anyone's and Greenwood could not fail to be impressed by them when he saw Italy swept aside 2-1 last year.

"That really was a magnificent game with West Germany just that little superior. They certainly looked a world class side that day, despite the changes they had to make.

"Obviously any player like Beckenbauer is going to take some replacing, and Germany are having their problems finding the right man to do his job."

Greenwood was particularly impressed by the new centre-back

and he seems to have established himself."

Greenwood also noted how Wales managed to curb the attacking flair of full-back Dietz, and in general he was delighted to spot the ways Mike Smith's side contained the Germans.

"They made changes from the side that beat Italy and suffered accordingly. At one time I thought they might swamp Wales, but Mike's side stuck to its task and in the end emerged with a very creditable draw.

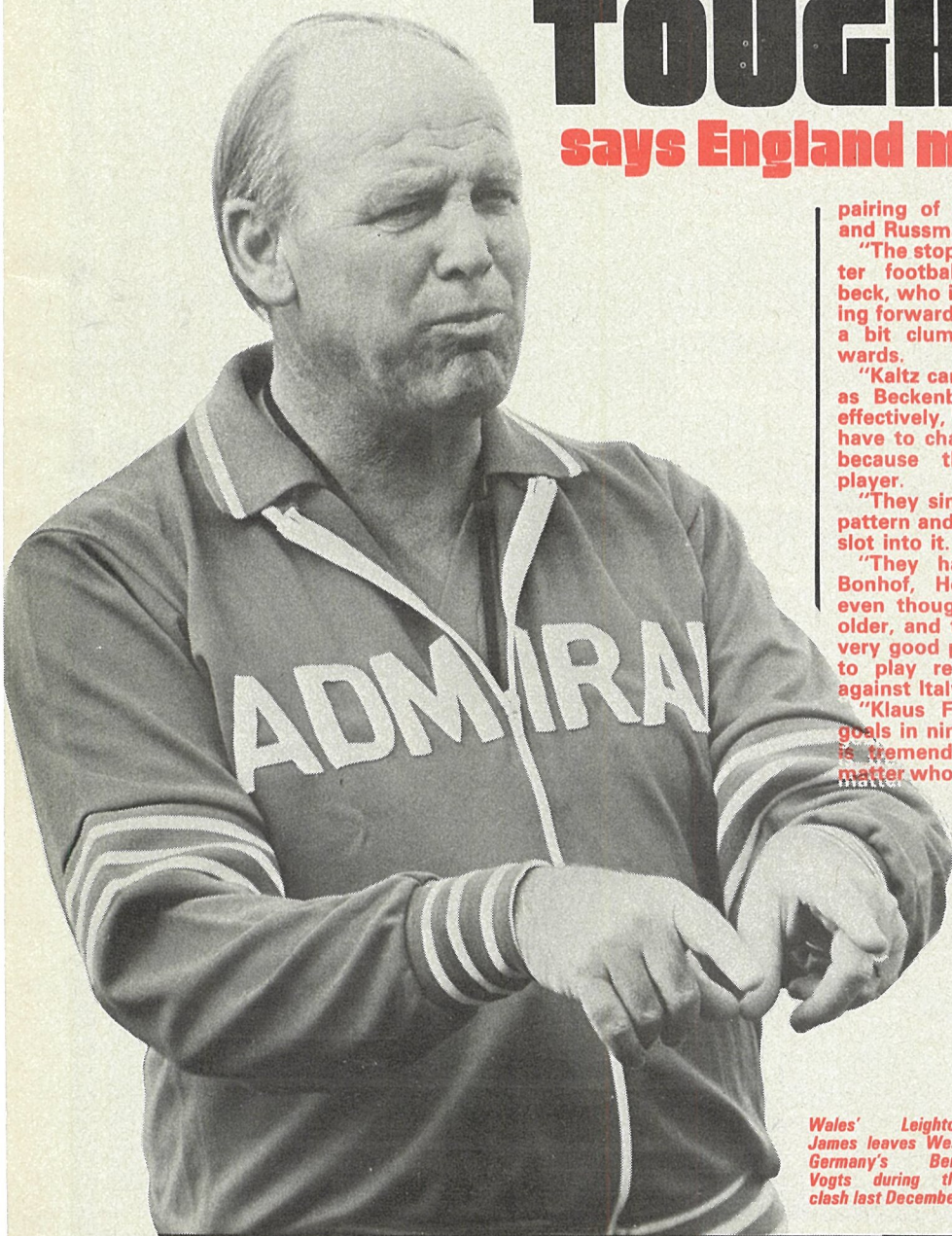
"During the course of the game substitutions were made and the Germans still have to make up their minds between Holzenbein and Volkert on one wing and Rummenigge and Abramczik on the other."

Greenwood has seen all of them and will no doubt form his own permutations to deal with any situation.

A problem for Greenwood is Kevin Keegan's suspension. Under

'WALES HAVE MADE IT TOUGH FOR US!'

says England manager Ron Greenwood



pairing of Kaltz (Hamburger SV) and Russmann Schalke).

"The stopper Russmann is a better footballer than Schwarzenbeck, who is probably better coming forward, but looks heavier and a bit clumsy against nippy forwards.

"Kaltz can play in the same way as Beckenbauer, if not quite so effectively, but the Germans don't have to change their style simply because they've lost a great player.

"They simply stick to the same pattern and find the best player to slot into it.

"They have great players in Bonhof, Holzenbein and Flohe, even though he's getting a little older, and they've so many other very good players, they were able to play real champagne soccer against Italy.

"Klaus Fischer has scored 11 goals in nine internationals which is tremendous at that level, no matter who you're playing against,

normal circumstances, the former Liverpool forward would have been a "must", especially with his first-hand knowledge of the German players.

But Kevin is under suspension for striking an opponent. He is still eligible to play for England and there is every chance he'll do so, but it remains to be seen whether he is match-fit after a few weeks on the sidelines.

Whatever happens with the 26-year-old Hamburger SV star, he'll be passing on vital information for certain.

So while West Germany see the England game as vital in their preparations for the World Cup in Argentina, Greenwood sees it as equally vital in the rehabilitation of English football.

"A good result against the World Champions would be a terrific tonic for us, and as the game is already a 78,000 sell-out we'll be all out to prove ourselves in front of a huge audience," he says.

Wales' Leighton James leaves West Germany's Berti Vogts during the clash last December.





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LEFT TO RIGHT: Berti Vogts (Borussia Mönchengladbach, full-back, aged 30, 86 caps), Sepp Maier (Bayern Munich, goalkeeper, aged 33, 79 caps), Rolf Rüssmann (Schalke 04, central-defender, aged 27, 9 caps), Manfred Kaltz (Hamburger SV, central-defender, aged 24, 11 caps), Rainer Bonhof (Borussia Mönchengladbach, midfielder, aged 25, 30 caps), Bernhard Dietz (MSV Duisburg, full-back, aged 29, 20 caps), Georg Volkert (Hamburger SV, winger, aged 31, 12 caps), Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (Bayern Munich, winger, aged 22, 8 caps), Erich Beer (Hertha Berlin, midfielder, aged 30, 19 caps), Klaus Fischer (Schalke 04, centre-forward, aged 27, 9 caps), Heinz Flohe (1.F.C Cologne, midfielder, aged 29, 32 caps).

SHOOT!

Peter— still great!



CHELSEA goalkeeper Peter Bonetti may be 36, but he's still as fit and agile as any player. The Cat — a physical fitness fanatic — has been superb this season and our picture sequence shows Bonetti cleanly taking an awkward centre against Arsenal as Willie Young challenges.



SHOOT!

'A TESTING TIME FOR

THE game against West Germany bears a "friendly" label — but it's a real testing time for England.

It can confirm whether we really have the basis of a side capable of challenging seriously for the next big honour we shall be competing for — the European Championship.

Critics claim our 2-0 win over Italy at Wembley was not a true indication that our new manager, Ron Greenwood, is on the right lines as regards team selection and tactics because the Italians were not concerned about winning, but in keeping the scoreline down to ensure we did not achieve a superior goal-difference in our World Cup qualifying group.

Certainly the Italians adopted that policy after we scored our two goals — one from Kevin Keegan, the other from Trevor Brooking — but when they stepped out on to that Wembley turf they were in the mood for a convincing victory to carry them into the World Cup Finals in Argentina.

Our vast improvement on the poor form we showed in Rome a year previously — when we slumped to a shameful 2-0 defeat — completely took them by surprise.

RAY CLEMENCE talking soccer

So now it's up to us to stage a repeat performance and show the same spirit and team-work against the Germans. Obviously it will be harder because Helmut Schoen's team will be on their home soil, out to avenge the 2-0 defeat we inflicted on them at Wembley after their World Cup triumph in 1974, and get into a winning habit for Argentina.

There are no such things as friendlies now in the international sphere. Pride and prestige are at stake. Every match has the importance and atmosphere of a Cup Final.

West Germany are in the same position as Liverpool. As European club Champions, every team we meet aims to beat us and gain glory, and as World Champions the Germans have to battle to maintain their reputation.

They have several omissions from their 1974 World Cup-winning side, notably Franz Beckenbauer who has "emigrated" to the Cosmos, where he has taken on the mantle of the great Pele and become the soccer superstar of the States.

He has an able deputy in Manfred Kaltz of Hamburger SV, a fine centre-back.

Also absent from the Germans' line-up is "goal-a-game" Gerd Muller, who has retired from international football although he still plays for his club, Bayern Munich.

According to reports, the man who has inherited his number nine shirt, Klaus Fischer, is proving to be



a worthy successor, and has averaged a goal-a-game in international matches. Definitely a man I'll be keeping an eagle eye on.

However, there will be several familiar faces in their side, long-serving veterans such as goalkeeper Sepp Maier and defender Berti Vogts, now captain.

Sepp Maier never ceases to amaze me. In televised excerpts from Bundesliga games against other German clubs, I've seen him let in soft goals that would cause a 'keeper in one of our Sunday Leagues to hang his head in shame.

Yet in big games for club and country he has performed marvels, and looked the best number one in the world. His display for Bayern against St-Etienne in the European Cup Final in Glasgow in 1976 played a big part in his team's narrow victory.

Another remarkable thing about Sepp is his kit — shorts that are so long they look like cut-down trousers, and enormous, Mickey Mouse-type gloves. I couldn't play in them!

Kevin Keegan, my former teammate at Liverpool, now playing with German side Hamburger SV, looked like being sidelined after he incurred an eight-week ban for striking an opponent during a friendly game. It was felt that possible lack of match-fitness

'Trevor Francis could be picked'

would rule him out.

But I was delighted when England manager Ron Greenwood announced that Kev will be in our team. Kevin was an inspiration to us against Italy, and I'm sure the Germans won't be happy about him lining-up against them.

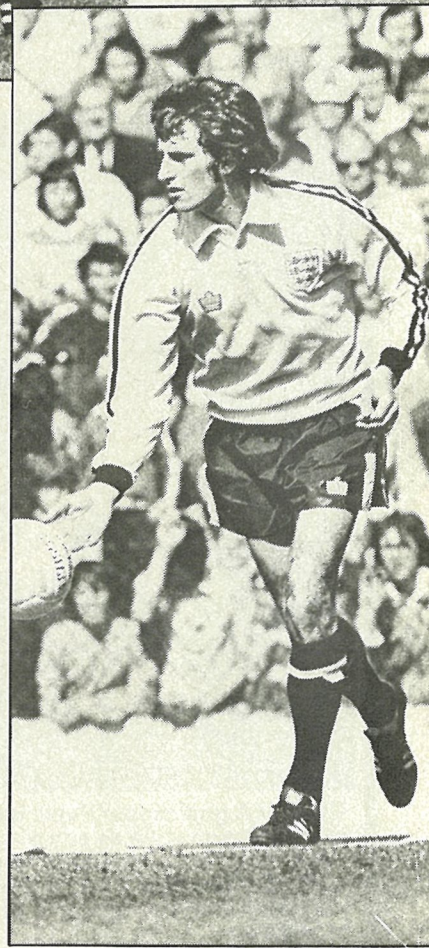
Kevin is always a great lad to have around, with his bubbling personality and competitive spirit. He'll also be able to tip us off about the strengths and weaknesses of the Germans, through playing with and against them in the Bundesliga.

Trevor Francis could well step in and establish himself.

Trevor did well against Luxembourg in our second game under Ron Greenwood's command, but was left out in favour of Kevin — unfit to be considered against Luxembourg — in the next game, against Italy.

It seemed hard on Trevor at the time, yet Kevin's performance justified his selection.

Trevor is running right into his best form, as we at Liverpool learnt when he recently inspired Birmingham to inflicting on us a rare



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defeat an Anfield.

I have the feeling that apart from possibly drafting Trevor in, Ron Greenwood will stand by the players who did so well for him against Italy and give them the chance they deserve.

I'm hoping to keep my place, of course, and continue to hold off the challenge of my friend Peter Shilton. Some people are under the impression Peter's form for Nottingham Forest, now Championship favourites, is so outstanding he has placed himself ahead of me for England selection. My answer is Peter performed just as well with his previous club, Stoke City, but he's got a better team around him now.

It was certainly not his fault Stoke were relegated last season.

I take pride in the fact that since the drawn match with Argentina, in the close season tour of South America, our defence has not conceded a single goal.

But if Peter should be picked for England, I'll be the first to shake his hand.

LEFT . . . Trevor Francis (white shirt) beats two Luxembourg defenders to the ball during a World Cup qualifying game last October.

BELOW . . . West German striker Gerd Muller (left) scores his side's winning goal against Holland in the 1974 World Cup Final in Munich.

And here I'd like to give mention to my other rival, Joe Corrigan of Manchester City. The new "slim-line" Joe has been playing out of his boots for City, and thanks to him they are having their best season, home and away, for a long time.

Everyone is looking forward to this game. Only Brazil are on a par with the Germans as opponents we most like to meet — and beat.

I suppose it's the memory of the 1966 World Cup Final, when England beat Germany, and their revenge in Leon, Mexico, when we defended the trophy, that marks them down as "special".

Another incentive is the opportunity to play in that beautiful, futuristic stadium in which the 1972 Olympics were held. It will be interesting to compare it with other famous venues, such as the Maracana in Rio de Janeiro and the Nou Camp, home of Barcelona.

What a marvellous thought to contemplate — beating the Germans on the very ground where they won the last World Cup!

Wish us luck —

Ray Clemence



'A marvellous thought — beating the Germans on the ground where they won the 1974 World Cup'

'WEST GERMANY NEVER BEATEN UNTIL THE FINAL WHISTLE'

says **BOBBY MOORE**

FORMER captain Bobby Moore feels there is a long way to go and a lot of work to be done before England can seriously challenge for a place among the best.

"After two or three seasons in the doldrums, it's too early to say if England have turned the international corner.

"Some lost pride was restored at Wembley against the Italians last November, who are among the most sophisticated teams in the world.

"The team as a unit played with a lot more control. There was also very encouraging performances from newcomers Peter Barnes and Steve Coppell. And Trevor Brooking proved at last he has the ability to be a world class player."

Just how important is it that England do equally as well against World Champions West Germany in Munich next week?

"Oh, it's a vital game for England," said Bobby.

"We must prove to ourselves and the world that win over Italy wasn't a flash-in-the pan.

"A good result in Munich will give our lads and Ron Greenwood enormous encouragement and confidence."

Like Scotland, West Germany are traditional "soccer enemies". Matches between the two countries are usually exciting and fiercely fought.

After England's World Cup victory in 1966, they knocked us out of the 1970 Finals and the European Championship in 1972.

"We did beat them 2-0 at Wembley in March, 1975, remember," said Bobby.

"I'm not too familiar with their present side, but from what I've seen on TV, they are as fit, as strong and as skilful as ever.

They've also got outstanding technique and some excellent youngsters.

"West Germany are never beaten until the final whistle, as they proved against England in Leon in 1970, and must be a force in Argentina."

We all agree Munich will be a real test for an England side which has at least emerged from the chaos of the last two years. But would Bobby make any changes to Ron Greenwood's squad?

"Not really. We've got the players to match the West Germans for strength and fight. All we've got to do is add the skill.

"As I've said, lads such as Coppell, Barnes, Gordon Hill and Trevor Brooking have the talent.

"Once they're established and get more experience I believe Ron Greenwood will have a team capable of beating the world's best."

Was Bobby Moore, a veteran of 108 record-breaking international appearances, disappointed at not being invited to join his former West Ham manager Ron Greenwood and team mate Geoff Hurst in the England "team" behind the team?

"Not really," said Bobby. "In fact I never expected to be called-up by Ron. After all, I've done nothing to suggest I can help him or England. "That's not to say I wouldn't jump at the chance to play a part in shaping our future.

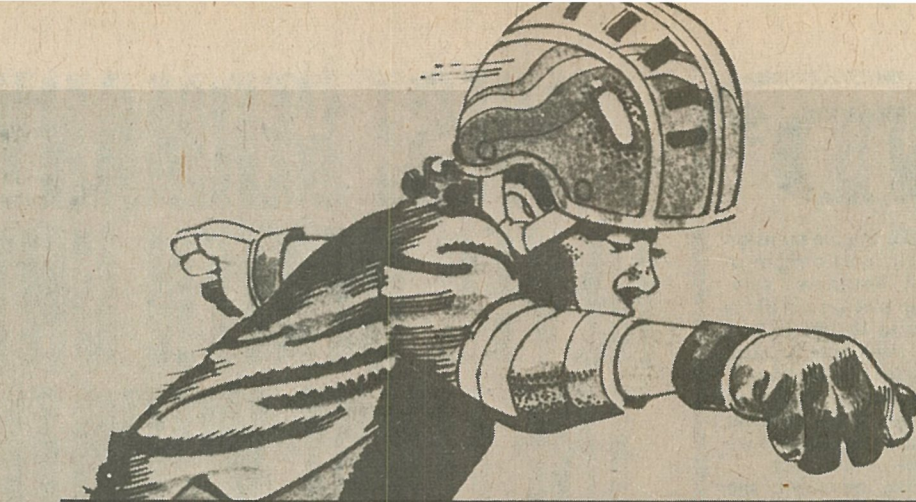
"Although I've retired I still get as passionately involved as I've always done.

"I hope to be in Munich next week with Bobby Charlton, cheering on the lads.

"Do you know . . . victory against West Germany will be like winning my 109th cap. Yes, it means as much to me as that."

Bobby Moore and West Germany's Franz Beckenbauer shake hands before the 1972 European Championship game at Wembley. The Germans won 3-1.





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THERE will be nothing second-rate about the England 'B' side resurrected by new manager Ron Greenwood.

England's "new" 'B' team plays West Germany next Tuesday, on the eve of the full international.

"We'll be looking for top quality players," says Ipswich boss Bobby Robson who will be in charge of the squad along with Arsenal coach Don Howe.

"After all," he points out, "this level will be just one step away from the full international team and that's the highest level at which any player can compete."

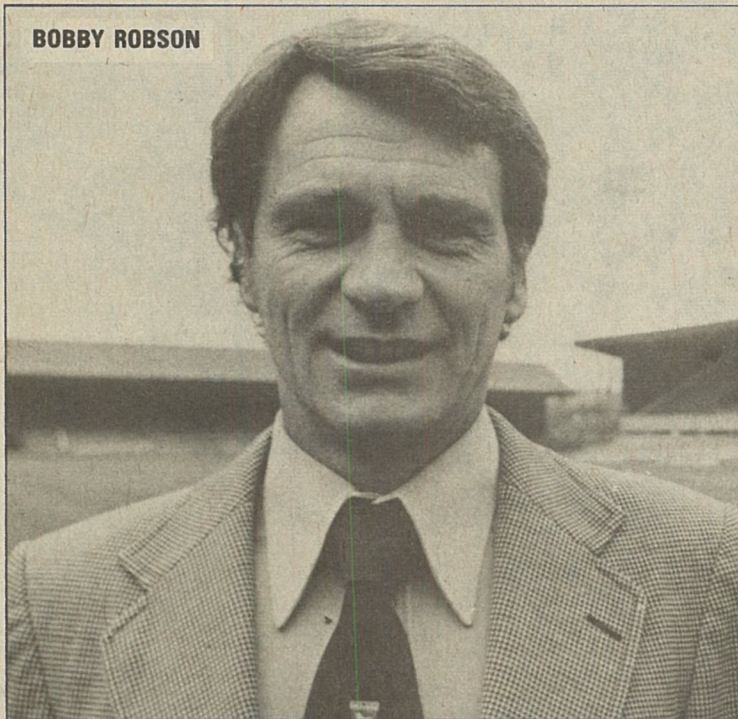
"The 'B' side will give players the opportunity to acclimatise themselves with the international game without the same pressures they might find in the senior team."

"It will help to bridge the gap that has developed in representative football since the Under-23 level was dropped. It's a big jump from the Under-21 side to the full and it isn't every player who can do it."

"We're looking for continuity through all the age groups. Players who have done well at youth or Under-21 level won't have to be thrown in at the deep end any more. Two or three games with the 'B' side will have them better prepared for the full squad."

Robson relishes the thought of working with his former West Bromwich Albion team-mate

BOBBY ROBSON



*Playing for England's
'B' team will help to*

on youth. Says Robson: "We'll be just like any other side — trying to win games. It may be we will need a couple of experienced players."

"Martin Peters and Colin Bell are two who spring to mind but there will be no sentimental choices. It won't be a case of paying them back for their services in the past — those days are over."

Robson feels England's goal-keeping situation could benefit from the rebirth of the 'B' team. He says: "At the moment you've got a good 'keeper in Joe Corrigan, for example, who can't get in the side and yet one of these days, because of injury, he might be selected."

"I can't help thinking back to the World Cup in Mexico eight years ago when Peter Bonetti played against West Germany after a long period as reserve. Playing regularly for a 'B' side would have made him more confident and helped him in what was a very crucial match."

If Ipswich draw at Bristol Rovers in the F.A. Cup this weekend, however, Robson will be unable to travel to West Germany with the England party because he'll be involved with his own side's replay at Portman Road.

"If that happens I expect one of the other club managers who have joined the England set-up would take over," he says. "Because of our club commitments we've got to operate as a team and be as interchangeable as possible."

BRIDGE THAT GAP!

Howe. "We played together for six years at The Hawthorns and have been good friends ever since."

"Four of these years we spent as colleagues at international level and Don and I were in the 1958 and 1962 World Cup Finals with England."

Robson believes there are as many as 50 players in England good enough for the full international side. But he adds: "There are so few fixtures that only 20 or so get their chance every season."

"We need success so badly there has to be a limit to the number of chances a new player gets. But now the 'B' side can become a natural stepping-stone to the top."

"I can think of several players who might have established themselves as internationals had they been given an extended run in the side, but it just wasn't possible."

"My own striker, Trevor Whymark, for example. I think he's good enough but he's never had the chance to prove himself because although he won several Under-23 caps he has only had a few minutes of full international football in a qualifying game against Luxembourg last year."

"Who knows, if he had been able to play some games at 'B' level he might have been a better player when his big chance came along."

"Peter Barnes of Manchester City did well against the Italians, but it was obvious he was nervous and who could blame him. The 'B' side could go a long way towards solving this type of problem."

But the accent won't be entirely



Two players who could benefit from the England 'B' side are Ipswich Town's Trevor Whymark (left) and Joe Corrigan (right) of Manchester City.



LEFT . . . Kenny Dalglish (light shorts) in action for Scotland against Wales.

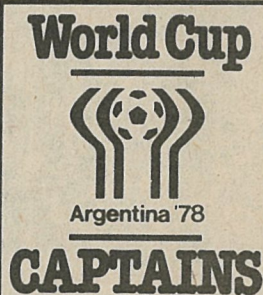
RIGHT . . . Vogts beats Poland's Gadocha during the 1974 World Cup Finals in West Germany.

SHOOT: What was your reaction to the World Cup draw?

VOGTS: Obviously most people will make us favourites, at least in the First Round, and I think we'll qualify along with Poland. When Poland came out of the hat to join us I had a terrible moment thinking we might get a really tough group. As things worked out, it was Argentina's group that drew the other sides we preferred to avoid. I believe we'll beat Poland in the opening game of the Finals and go through to the Quarter-Finals with them.

SHOOT: Who do you think will qualify from the other groups?

VOGTS: Group One is very close, but I believe Argentina and Italy will make it. From the other groups, I choose Brazil and Austria, Scotland and Holland.



'Scotland—my World

SHOOT: Perhaps understandably, many people make Argentina and Brazil favourites to win the World Cup. You played both last year — how do you rate their chances?

VOGTS: Brazil will, of course, be very strong and playing them in Argentina is almost the same as playing them in Brazil. If West Germany don't retain the title, Brazil are my tip to win it.

SHOOT: And Argentina?

VOGTS: Every host country is difficult to beat and Argentina will be no exception. However, I don't see Argentina reaching the Final.

SHOOT: Tell us a little about your observations from your tour last summer.

VOGTS: It isn't easy to do well in South America and we were pleased to return home undefeated. The biggest success as far as West Germany were concerned was Klaus Fischer, who showed he can score regularly at international level. If we repeat our performances THIS June we could very well be World Champions again.

No. 3

BERTI VOGTS West Germany

SHOOT: Overall, most of the European teams had favourable results, didn't they?

VOGTS: Yes. This surprised me a little. Certainly England and Scotland looked stronger than I thought. The South Americans still have a fair bit to learn about the European style of play. We'll see if they've learnt enough by June! I would say there is every possibility that, for the first time, a European country could win the World Cup in South America.

SHOOT: Having selected the last eight for the Finals, is there anyone in particular you'd like to avoid?

VOGTS: Obviously you can't choose your opponents and any-

one who reaches the final stages is going to be good. I believe one should always respect the opposition, whoever they may be, but not be anxious or in fear of them. If you twist my arm, I'd have to be honest and say I'd prefer to avoid Brazil, Holland, Argentina and Scotland. One of these four would suit me . . . in the Final.

SHOOT: You can't stop there, Berti. Who are your last four?

VOGTS: Brazil, Argentina, Holland and West Germany.

SHOOT: Not Scotland?

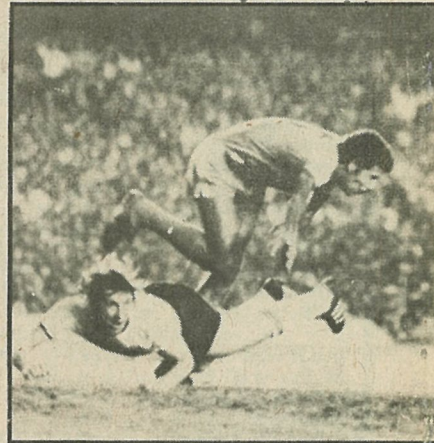
VOGTS: I haven't seen Scotland "live" for a while, although I watched their ties against Czechoslovakia and Wales on television. They are very strong and aggressive, playing the kind of football I like. Their best players are, in my view, Kenny Dalglish, Joe Jordan and Danny McGrain. Scotland are my "outsiders" for the World Cup and if we meet

West Germany's hero during their summer tour last year was Klaus Fischer (light shirt).

them in Argentina I know we'll have problems.

SHOOT: England, of course, won't be there, but you face them in Munich next Wednesday. How do you think the game will go?

VOGTS: England are still a very good team, even though they won't be in Argentina. If we are to beat them next week we shall need to field our strongest line-up.



SHOOT: Do you think England's 2-0 win over Italy at Wembley is the start of a new era ... or do they still have a long way to go?

VOGTS: I've never belonged to the group who said English football is dead. I've always had a liking for English soccer, and other countries still have many things to learn from them. True, they've had some poor results so maybe the Italy game could be a turning point.

SHOOT: Which England players do you admire the most?

VOGTS: Trevor Brooking, Emlyn Hughes and Kevin Keegan are my favourites, but excuse me if I don't give reasons as we play them very soon!

SHOOT: Do you consider it a match of extra importance — Germany against England?

VOGTS: From a sporting viewpoint there is much rivalry because England were, in the old times, masters of the game. In the German camp, everyone likes to beat England, particularly at Wembley. A victory over England is one of the highspots of any German's career.

SHOOT: Let's talk about yourself now. You'll be leading West Germany in the Finals — do you find yourself under the shadow of Franz Beckenbauer?

VOGTS: I haven't really found it a big problem taking over from Franz. Perhaps things would have been different had Germany not been successful, but as we have

absence will be significant.

SHOOT: Your club, Borussia Monchengladbach, are still in the European Cup and face Wacker Innsbruck of Austria in the Quarter-Finals. After the disappointment of Rome last season, can Borussia make up for the defeat by Liverpool this time?

VOGTS: We've talked about that game for hours and we still can't fathom out why we were so poor that evening. Why did so many of our players perform below their usual form? We've all made a vow that if we reach the Final again we shan't lose!

● Interview by Karl-Heinz Jens.



Vogs has replaced Franz Beckenbauer (right) as captain of the international side. Flohe (above) on the ball v. England when the countries last met in 1975.



Cup outsiders'

Next week
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Tunisia

been winning consistently I've not been under much pressure. Success makes life easier.

SHOOT: Will Beckenbauer be missed as a player?

VOGTS: My first thoughts when Franz signed for the Cosmos was that his leaving would be a disaster. But Manfred Kaltz of Hamburger SV has proved a very able deputy and I don't think Franz's

FOCUS ON BERND HOLZENBEIN

FULL NAME: Bernd Hölzenbein
BIRTHPLACE: Dehrn, near Limburg
BIRTHDATE: March 9th, 1946
HEIGHT: 5ft 10ins
WEIGHT: 11st 4lb
CLUB: Eintracht Frankfurt, my only professional club
MARRIED: Yes, to Jutta
CHILDREN: One daughter
CAR: Mercedes 240
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Nobody in particular
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Don't have one
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Wim Suurbier of Holland
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: The 1974 World Cup Final
BIGGEST THRILL: Hearing the final whistle at the end of the above game
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing to Dynamo Kiev in the Cup-Winners' Cup a couple of seasons ago

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Spain
FAVOURITE FOOD: Liver with fried potatoes and salad

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Table-tennis and water-skiing

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Can't really think of any

FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Sports, thrillers

FAVOURITE SINGERS: I like all pop music

FAVOURITE ACTOR: Steve McQueen

BEST FRIEND: I have many

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: I consider myself lucky to be a footballer and have been helped by a number of people

BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Dirty defenders

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: 33 Full caps

PERSONAL AMBITION: To stay healthy

PROFESSIONAL AMBITIONS: To win the Bundesliga with Eintracht and keep my place in the national team

IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? A commercial clerk

WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Indira Gandhi, the former India Prime Minister

● Hölzenbein scores West Germany's last-gasp equaliser v. Czechoslovakia in the 1976 European Championship, which the Germans lost on penalties.



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SHOOT 3



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LIVERPOOL

LIVERPOOL are chasing a unique record this season. They could become the first team to win the League Championship three seasons running since Herbert Chapman's Arsenal in the 1930's and the first British team to win the European Cup twice two years in succession.

Of the two, the European Cup seems their best bet. The grinding consistency of Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest makes the League Championship a forlorn hope for the Anfield club.

But on the other hand, in SHOOT of March 12th, 1977, we stated that Liverpool were slipping behind Ipswich Town and Manchester City in their quest to hold on to the First Division Championship. Their achievement proved to us never to underestimate the efficiency of Bob Paisley's team.

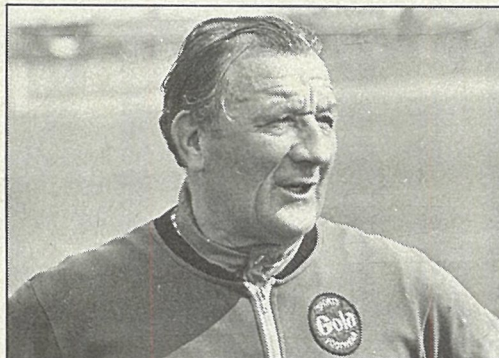
Liverpool winning the European Cup in Rome was a marvelous experience, but the prospect of skipper "Crazy Horse" Emlyn Hughes running around Wembley Stadium with the European Cup again this year is something to savour during the cold winter months.

HOW TO GET TO ANFIELD

Nearest railway stations are Bankhall and Kirkdale. Buses Nc 17d run from Pier Head and No 26 and 27 from Castle Street.

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There is limited street parking around the Liverpool ground. Large privately owned car park in Priory Road within five minutes walk of Anfield.



Bob Paisley as a player was a fine midfielder with Liverpool. But he first won a winning medal with the famous amateur club Bishop Auckland. Bob was a member of their Cup winning side in 1939. He then joined Liverpool and won a First Division Championship medal in the 1946-47 season. Bob stayed on at Anfield after retiring as a player and then became coach and assistant-manager before taking over from Bill Shankly. Under him as manager Liverpool won the First Division title in 1975-76 and 1976-77 and in the latter season The Reds became only the second English club to win the European Cup.



Jimmy Case with the Football League Championship trophy.

TOP LEAGUE SCORERS

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RECORD VICTORY:

11-0 v Stromsgodset, European Cup-Winners' Cup, September 17th, 1974.

RECORD DEFEAT:

1-9 v Birmingham City, Division Two, December 11th, 1954.

MOST LEAGUE POINTS IN A SEASON: 62 in Division Two, 1961-62.

HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN A SEASON:

Roger Hunt, 41 in Division Two, 1961-62.

THEIR RECORD SINCE 1960-61

(C — League Champions; P — Promoted; R — Relegated; W — Winners; F — Finalists; S/F — Semi-Finalists; Q/F — Quarter-Finalists; E — European Cup; CW — European Cup-Winners' Cup; U — U.E.F.A. or Fairs Cup; DNC — Did not compete).

SEASON	LEAGUE Division & Position	F.A. CUP Round Reached	LEAGUE CUP Round Reached	EUROPE Round Reached
1960-61	2-3rd	4th	3rd	DNC
1961-62	2-1st (P)	5th	DNC	DNC
1962-63	1-8th	S/F	DNC	DNC
1963-64	1-1st (C)	Q/F	DNC	DNC
1964-65	1-7th	W	DNC	S/F (E)
1965-66	1-1st (C)	3rd	DNC	F (CW)
1966-67	1-5th	5th	DNC	2nd (E)
1967-68	1-3rd	Q/F	2nd	3rd (U)
1968-69	1-2nd	5th	4th	1st (U)
1969-70	1-5th	Q/F	3rd	2nd (U)
1970-71	1-5th	F	3rd	S/F (U)
1971-72	1-3rd	4th	4th	2nd (CW)
1972-73	1-1st (C)	4th	Q/F	W (U)
1973-74	1-2nd	W	Q/F	2nd (E)
1974-75	1-2nd	4th	4th	2nd (C)
1975-76	1-1st (C)	4th	3rd	W (U)
1976-77	1-1st (C)	F	2nd	W (E)



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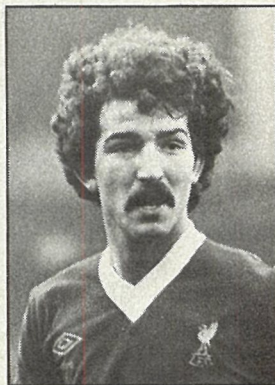
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GRAEME SOUNESS

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LIVERPOOL





BACK ROW (left to right): Joey Jones, Phil Thompson, Ray Clemence, Alan Hansen, John Toshack.

MIDDLE ROW: Ronnie Moran (trainer), Kenny Dalglish, David Fairclough, Ray Kennedy, David Johnson, Phil Neal, Joe Fagan (coach).

FRONT ROW: Jimmy Case, Ian Callaghan, Tommy Smith, Bob Paisley (manager), Emlyn Hughes, Steve Helghway, Terry McDermott.

Trophies from left to right: Charity Shield, League Championship, European Cup and Manager of the Year award.



continued

PEN-PICTURES

(L. App:— League Appearances; G:— Goals; S:— Substitutes; All records to end of December, 1977)

IAN CALLAGHAN: Midfielder Ian won a dramatic recall to the England team in the 1977-78 season after a gap of 11 seasons, having won two caps in the 1965-66 season. Signed professional for Liverpool in April, 1960. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 11.1. L. App:— 632 and 4 sub. G:— 49.

JIMMY CASE: Midfielder or striker who packs a terrific shot. Signed professional in May, 1973. Born Liverpool. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.7. L. App:— 68 and 3 sub. G:— 10.

RAY CLEMENCE: England's top goalkeeper and has been an automatic choice for the international team with 33 caps. Signed from Scunthorpe United for £20,000 in June, 1967. Born Skegness. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 12.0. L. App:— Scunthorpe 48, Liverpool 329.

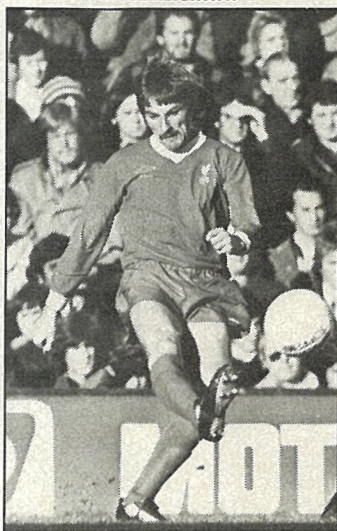
KENNY DALGLISH: Striker and holder of 50 caps for the Scotland team. Cost Liverpool £440,000 when signed from Celtic in August, 1977. Born Glasgow. Ht. 5.8½. Wt. 10.10. L. App:— Celtic 201, Liverpool 23. G:— Celtic 110, Liverpool 10.

DAVID FAIRCLOUGH: Striker and England Under-21 international. Signed professional in January, 1974. Born Liverpool. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 10.8. L. App:— 33 and 19 sub. G:— 15.

STEVE HEIGHWAY: Exciting striker with 17 Republic of Ireland caps. Signed from Skelmersdale United in May, 1970. Born Dublin. Ht. 5.10½. Wt. 11.7. L. App:— 270 and 8 sub. G:— 43.

EMLYN HUGHES: Defender signed from Blackpool for £65,000 in February, 1967. Skipper of Liverpool and England

STEVE HEIGHWAY



with 50 caps. Born Barrow. Ht. 5.10½. Wt. 11.13. L. App:— Blackpool 27 and 1 sub, Liverpool 439. G:— Liverpool 35.

ALAN HANSEN: Defender signed from Partick Thistle for £100,000 in May, 1977. Born Alloa. Ht. 6.2½. Wt. 10.10. L. App:— Partick 82 and 4 sub, Liverpool 10. G:— Partick 6.

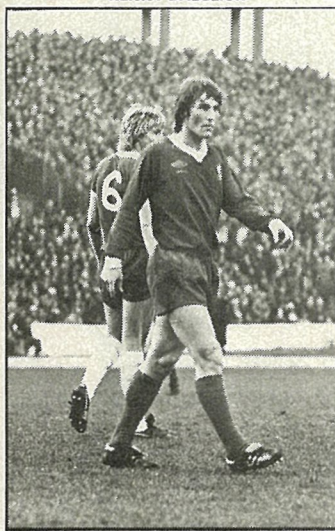
DAVID JOHNSON: Striker signed from Ipswich Town for £200,000 in August, 1976. An England Under-23 international with three full caps. His first team appearances have been restricted this season. Born Liverpool. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.0. L. App:— Everton 47 and 3 sub, Ipswich 134 and 3 sub, Liverpool 19 and 12 sub. G:— Everton 11, Ipswich 35, Liverpool 5.

JOEY JONES: Defender signed from Wrexham for £110,000 in July, 1975. Welsh Under-23 international and has 13 full caps. Born Llandudno. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.0. L. App:— Wrexham 98, Liverpool 71. G:— Wrexham 2, Liverpool 3.

RAY KENNEDY: Midfielder signed from Arsenal for £180,000 in July, 1974. England Under-23 international and has 11 full caps. Born Seaton Delavel. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 13.7. L. App:— Arsenal 156 and 2 sub, Liverpool 116 and 3 sub. G:— Arsenal 53, Liverpool 19.

TERRY McDERMOTT: Midfielder signed from Newcastle United for £175,000 in November, 1974. England Under-23 international

KENNY DALGLISH



with two full caps won this season. Born Kirby. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.7. L. App:— Bury 83 and 7 sub, Newcastle 55 and 1 sub, Liverpool 65 and 5 sub. G:— Bury 8, Newcastle 6, Liverpool 7.

PHIL NEAL: Defender signed from Northampton Town for £60,000 in October, 1974. Finished 1977 with nine full England caps. Born Irchester. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 10.12. L. App:— Northampton 184 and 4 sub, Liverpool 130. G:— Northampton 29, Liverpool 15.

TOMMY SMITH: Announced his retirement at the end of the 1976-77 season, but changed his mind and signed a new two year contract for the club he had signed professional for in April, 1962. England Under-23 international with one full cap. Born Liverpool. Ht. 5.10½. Wt. 13.0. L. App:— 455. G:— 35.

GRAEME SOUNESS: Midfielder who created a record English cash transfer signing when he cost Liverpool £352,000 in January, 1978, from Middlesbrough. Three full Scottish caps. Born Edinburgh. Ht. 5.9½. Wt. 11.6. L. App:— Middlesbrough 184 and 2 sub. G:— Middlesbrough 22.

PHIL THOMPSON: Defender who was signed professional in January, 1971. England Under-23 international with eight full England caps. Born Liverpool. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 10.7. L. App:— 156 and 3 sub. G:— 6.

RAY KENNEDY

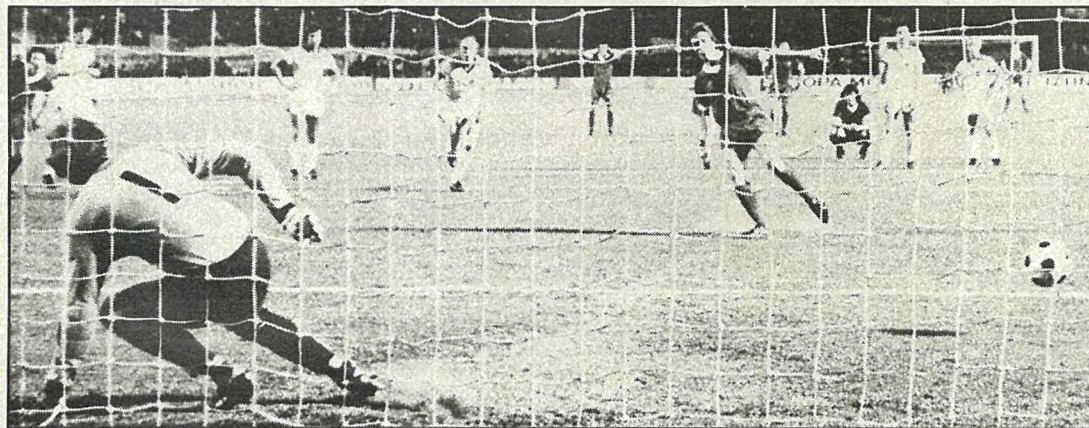


LEAGUE FIXTURES

	Opponents	Venue	Result
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20	Middlesbrough	A	1-1
23	Newcastle	H	2-0
27	W.B.A.	H	3-0
Sept			
3	Birmingham	A	1-0
10	Coventry	H	2-0
17	Ipswich	A	1-1
24	Derby Co.	H	1-0
Oct			
1	Manchester U.	A	0-2
4	Arsenal	A	0-0
8	Chelsea	H	2-0
15	Leeds	A	2-1
22	Everton	H	0-0
29	Manchester C.	A	1-3
Nov			
5	Aston Villa	H	1-2
12	Q.P.R.	A	0-2
19	Bristol C.	H	1-1
26	Leicester	A	4-0
Dec			
3	West Ham	H	2-0
10	Norwich	A	1-2
17	Q.P.R.	H	1-0
26	Nottm. For.	A	1-1
27	Wolverhampton W. ..	H	1-0
31	Newcastle	A	2-0
Jan			
2	Middlesbrough	H	2-0
14	W.B.A.	A	1-0
21	Birmingham	H	2-3
Feb			
4	Coventry	A	0-1
11	Ipswich	H	
25	Manchester U.	H	
Mar			
4	Chelsea	A	
11	Leeds	H	
18	Everton	A	
21	Manchester C.	H	
25	Wolverhampton W. ..	A	
28	Nottm. For.	H	
Apr			
1	Aston Villa	A	
8	Leicester	H	
15	Bristol C.	A	
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29	West Ham	A	

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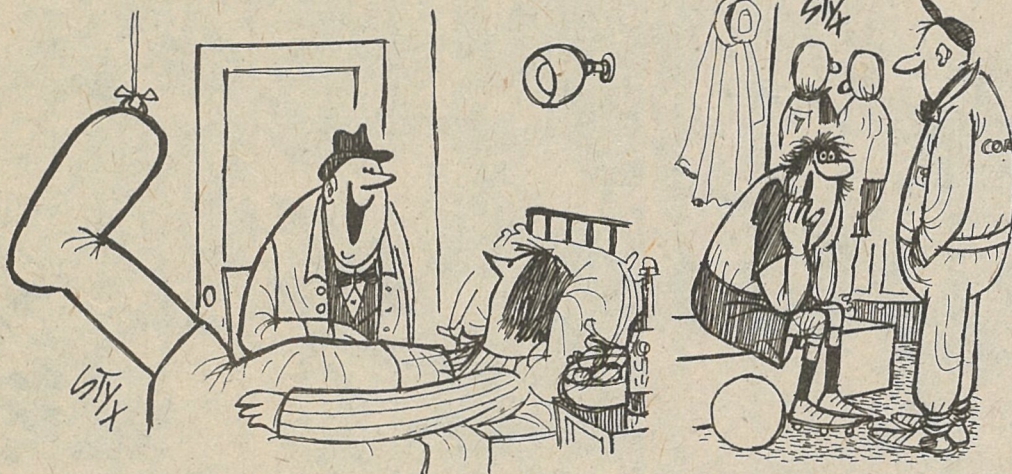


Phil Neal scores Liverpool's third goal from the penalty-spot against Borussia Monchengladbach in last term's European Cup Final.

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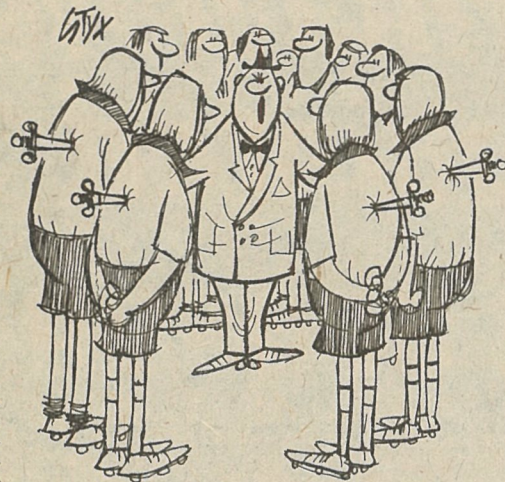


This week Bristol Rovers player/coach **BOBBY GOULD** selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.

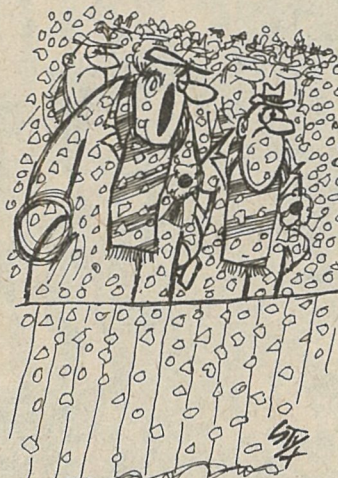


"We've found out what was wrong with the team"

"I wouldn't mind so much if the fans called me rotten names, coach — but when they just stand there and laugh"



"We've got to find more team spirit"



"I reckon he might have scored if he hadn't tripped over that snow flake"



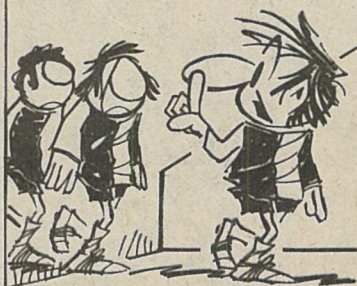
"Take everything in your stride, son — including the ball"

NOBBY

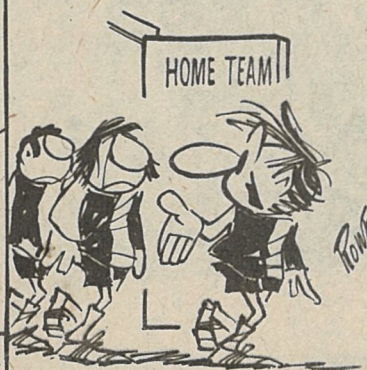
LOSING FIVE-NIL AT HOME CAN'T BE GOOD



BUT DON'T LET ONE RESULT UPSET YOU, LADS



WE COULD LOOK A DIFFERENT TEAM NEXT WEEK



YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN, SUNSHINE!



AT the beginning of the season I tipped Aston Villa to be amongst the contenders for the League title. So did most other people.

After our impressive showing during 1976/77, when we won the League Cup and finished fourth in the League, there was every reason to expect we'd carry on where we left off.

Now, as the campaign really heats up, Villa find themselves on the outside looking in as far as the title is concerned.

Nottingham Forest ended our League Cup dreams, while Everton gained revenge for their League Cup Final defeat last season by knocking us out of the F.A. Cup.

If we're going to win an honour this season, it will be the U.E.F.A. Cup and even though we're in the last eight . . . that won't be easy.

Why have Villa disappointed? Why aren't we up there with the likes of Forest and Manchester City challenging for the Championship?

Looking back, perhaps we were a little complacent at the beginning of the season . . . often the case in a young team.

One of the first lessons you learn in soccer is what you have done in the past means nothing for your next game.

We may have thought we were unbeatable at home, an attitude brought about by just one League defeat at Villa Park last time round.

If we needed reminding that players must do more than simply put on their shirts to win a game, it was hammered home by a Dennis Tueart-inspired Manchester City who walloped us 4-1 in our first home match, with Dennis the Menace grabbing a hat-trick.

Opponents now, obvi-



**ANDY
GRAY**
writes for you

'Why Villa have disappointed this season'



ously, treat Villa with much more respect after last season's showing. They know more about us and our key players have found it harder second time round, as it were.

It is fair to say that, generally speaking, the players haven't performed as well or as consistently as in 1976/77.

Our confidence dipped after our bad start, especially at home. How could we win at Anfield one week and lose at home to Middlesbrough the next?

It doesn't make sense, but that's been the pattern for 1977/78. We played so well in beating Liverpool in front of their own fans — a rare occasion, indeed.

Maybe we were still "living at Anfield" when Boro came to Villa Park.

I must single out two players

TOP . . . "Duncan McKenzie scores for Everton during our 2-1 home defeat." **LEFT . . .** "Tommy Craig signs for Villa." **RIGHT . . .** "Business as usual, despite my leg injury!"

who, despite our overall below-par form, cannot be criticised.

Before he broke a leg, Alex Crompton was playing superbly, probably better than he's ever played. It was a sad blow for us when he had his leg-break because we lost a vital cog in our midfield.

Goalkeeper Jimmy Rimmer — like Alex, a former Arsenal man — has more than repaid his fee — £80,000 I think it was.

Jimmy has saved us time and time again with his agility and alertness.

At first, I was a little surprised when Tommy Craig joined us from Newcastle United. Upon reflection, I think Tommy will prove to be a valuable asset.

While midfield is one of our strongest departments, we have lacked someone who can slow the game down . . . give us a bit more time. We tend to play 100 miles per hour football all the time and Tommy's shrewd soccer brain will alter this.

I've played with Tommy for Scotland Under-23's and Under-21's. He's a good player with plenty of experience.

Our two Cup knockouts were "killer blows" — and it's no use moaning that we had to play the two most consistent sides in the First Division.

In the League Cup, Forest had the game sewn-up by half-time with three quick goals.

They adapted to the hard pitch much better than we did and although we came into the game more after the interval, we can have no complaints about losing our League Cup crown.

In the F.A. Cup, we were doing quite well until the controversial penalty decision. After Trevor Ross had slotted the spot-kick home, Everton took the game by the scruff of the neck and my only happy memory of the afternoon was scoring our goal.

So now, on the domestic scene, we have little to aim for because we're too far behind in the League to make up ground.

Injuries have also played a big part in our stuttering form. Last season Ron Saunders hardly had to change the side, but this season he's had more than his share of casualties.

John Robson hasn't played all season, Alex has a broken leg, I have torn knee ligaments and there have been other niggling injuries to the other players which has meant our line-up has been changed almost every week one way or the other.

Our away form has been good, as good as teams chasing the Championship, but at home we've dropped too many points to be title-contenders.

Our targets now are to do as well as we can in the League — a few wins will improve our position a great deal — and the U.E.F.A. Cup.

Our form in Europe has been first-class — because we've played

British football. We haven't tried to adapt our style and beat the Continentals at their own game.

We've played to our strengths ... and our opponents haven't liked it. They're not used to forwards tackling back as much as ours have and our policy of attacking home and away has paid off handsomely.

Villa did exceptionally well to draw 1-1 in Bilbao before a partisan crowd. It's a shame we didn't win, but their fans applauded us as we left the pitch and you don't often get that sort of reaction in European competition.

We could hardly have had a tougher draw in the U.E.F.A. Cup Quarter-Finals — Barcelona. Still, I'm sure they aren't exactly over the moon at the prospect of playing us.

I hope it will be our "Final before the Final" and if we don't get a full house for the first-leg at Villa Park on March 1st — then we'll never get one!

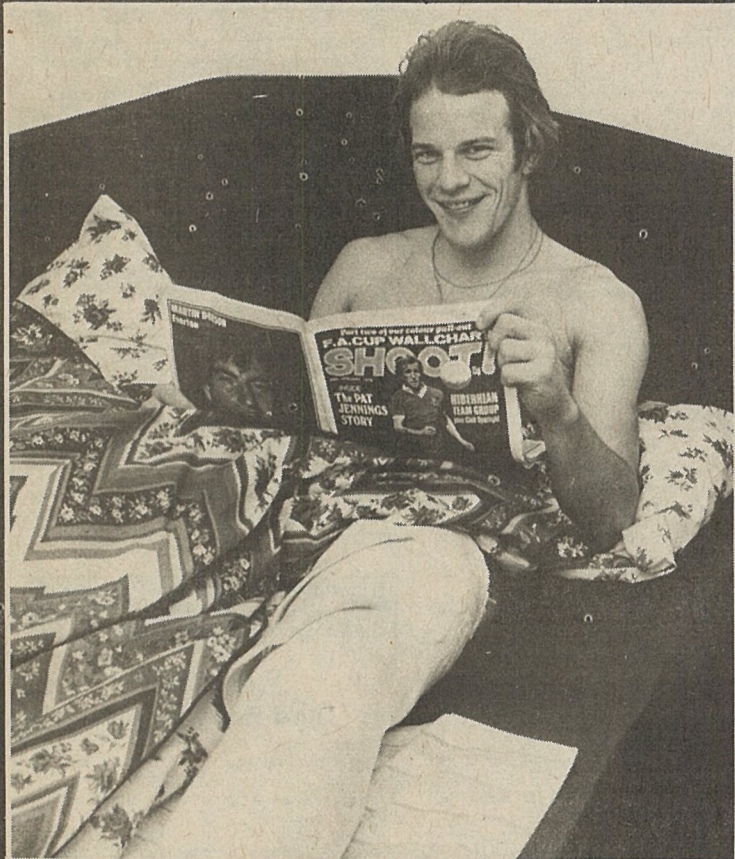
Chances are it will be the last appearance of Johan Cruyff in England, a prospect which should make any soccer fan turn up.

I'm sick that I'll miss the game. I never had a chance to play against Pele and now it looks as if I'll never compete against Cruyff.

There's an outside possibility I'll be fit for the second-leg, but it's touch and go.

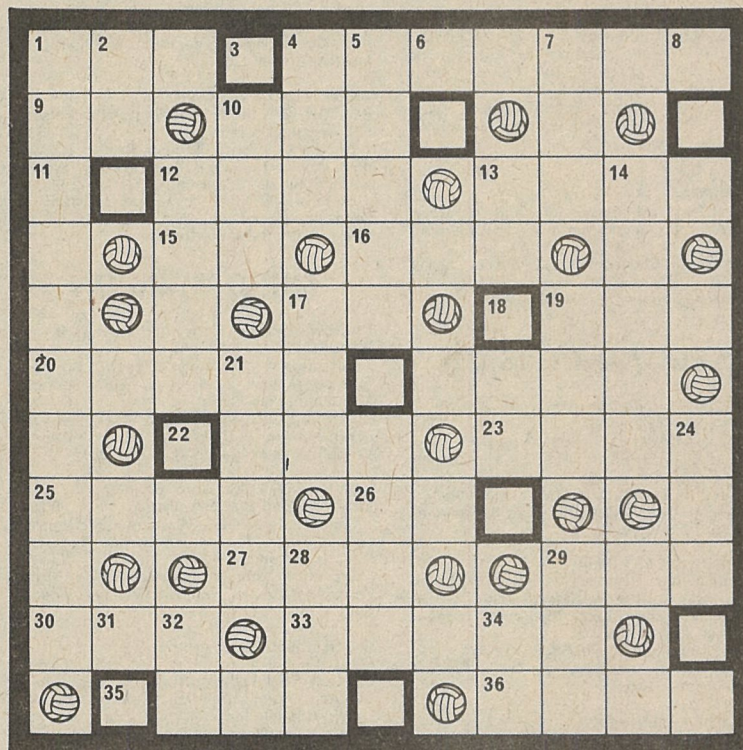
See you in two weeks,

Andy Keane



Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Manchester City and England winger. Answers on page 38.



ACROSS

- (1) Coventry City player. (5 & 6)
- (9) P--todrie Stadium, Aberdeen.
- (10) Take four letters from Barnsley for a period of time.
- (11) A meal from the missing letters in -- tick Thi--l- (Scots Premier Div.).
- (13) Gerry --, Derby County midfielder.
- (15) David J--es of Norwich City.
- (16) -- Jordan of Manchester United.
- (17) -om R-- Park; Plymouth Argyle.
- (18) Sincil --, Lincoln City's ground.
- (20) Home of Cardiff City (6 & 4)
- (22) The following of Halifax, Shrewsbury & Grimsby, for instance!
- (23) Take four letters from Southend United for a trial.
- (25) Notting-am F-re-- from the City Ground.
- (26) Pat R--- of Arsenal.
- (27) ---field Park, home of Stirling Albion.
- (29) Denis --, former famous name with Manchester United.
- (30) Plenty of this on the field would slow play down.
- (33) H-l-sb-r-u-h (Sheffield Wednesday). Snow house from the missing letters.
- (35) The prizes on the Football ones can be very large sums of money.
- (36) -- City. Second Division club from Boothferry Park.

DOWN:—

- (1) -- City from St. Andrews ground.
- (2) Kevin Be--ti- of Ipswich.
- (3) Gerry --, Derby County winger.
- (4) A-r--ome Park, home of Middlesbrough.
- (5) Arsenal star goalkeeper. (3 & 8)
- (6) P--tman Road. Ipswich's ground.
- (7) -ddie G--y of Leeds United.
- (8) A-an T--lor of West Ham.
- (12) Two are awarded for a win!
- (13) C-m-ri-g Uni--d. Discuss from the missing letters.
- (14) -- Park, home of Montrose.
- (17) The ---thorns, West Bromwich Albion's ground.
- (19) Phil P--k-s of Queens Park Rangers.
- (21) S--t--n Park (Forfar Athletic). Jot (or Greek letter) from the omissions.
- (24) Necessary item to use after one's bath -- in order to get dry.
- (28) No score this time!
- (29) -- Macari of Manchester United.
- (31) --ton Park of West Ham United.
- (32) Mike --yle of Manchester City.
- (34) -ld-am, from Boundary Park.

RESULTS . . . SCORERS . . . TEAM LINE-UPS

SATURDAY, JAN. 14

FIRST DIVISION (Continued)

NEWCASTLE (1) 2 (Cassidy, McGhee)
MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 4 (Boam, Ashcroft 2, Cummins) 34,445
 Newcastle: Carr; Blackhall, Barker (Larnach), Cassidy, McCaffery, Nattrass, Hudson, Burns, McGhee, Gowling, Craig (T).
 Middlesbrough: Platt; Craggs, Bailey, Mahoney, Boam, Ramage, Mills, Cummins, Ashcroft (Hickton), McAndrew, Armstrong.

Q.P.R. (2) 2 (Eastoe, Cunningham)
NORWICH (0) 1 (Reeves) 14,247
 Q.P.R.: Parkes; Shanks, Gillard, Hollins, Howe, Cunningham, Eastoe, Francis, James (Wallace), Bowles, Givens.
 Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Sullivan, Ryan, Forbes, Powell, Neighbour, Reeves, Gibbins, Suggett, Peters.

W.B.A. (0) 0
LIVERPOOL (1) 1 (Johnson) 35,809
 W.B.A.: Godden; Mulligan, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Martin, Regis (Brown A.), Cunningham, Trewick, Johnston.
 Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Hansen, Thompson, Kennedy, Hughes, Dalglish, McDermott, Johnson, Souness, Callaghan.

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKPOOL (2) 5 (Hatton 3, Hart, Walsh)
CHARLTON (0) 1 (Gritt) 6,206
 Blackpool: Ward; Thomson, Harrison, Ronson, McEwan, Suddaby, Ainscow, Hart, Walsh, Hatton, Waldron.
 Charlton: Wood; Curtis, Warman, Tydeman, Dugdale, Shaw, Powell (Berry), Gritt, Flanagan, Peacock, McAuley.

BURNLEY (0) 1 (Kindon)
STOKE (0) 0 11,282
 Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Noble, Rodaway, Thomson, Cochrane, Ingham, Fletcher, Kindon, Morley.
 Stoke: Jones; Marsh, Scott, Kendall, Dodd, Bloor, Waddington, Gregory, Conroy (Crooks), Bowers, Johnson.

CARDIFF (1) 1 (Bishop)
BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Metcalfe) 6,949
 Cardiff: Healey; Attley, Pethard, Campbell, Pontin, Larmour, Giles, Dwyer, Robson (Went), Bishop, Grapes.
 Blackburn: Butcher; Hird, Bailey, Metcalfe, Wood, Fazackerley, Brotherston, Fear, Wagstaffe, Parkes, Taylor.

FULHAM (1) 1 (Mitchell)
BRISTOL R (1) 1 (Randall) 8,424
 Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Money, Lacy, Gale, Greenaway, Bullivant, Mitchell, Evanson, Margerison.
 Bristol R: Thomas; Aitken, Bater, Harding, Taylor (S), Prince, Gould, Puls, Randall, Staniforth, Barry.

HULL (0) 1 (Bremner)
C. PALACE (0) 0 5,617
 Hull: Blackburn; Daniel, DeVries, Bremner, Dobson, Croft, Nisbet, Lord, Hawley, Bannister, Stewart.
 Palace: Burns; Hinshelwood (P), Sansom, Holder, Blyth, Gilbert, Nicholas, Hinshelwood (M), Swindlehurst, Bourne, Silkman.

LUTON (0) 0
OLDHAM (1) 1 (Taylor) 7,792
 Luton: Aleksic; Price, Carr (Ingram), Hill, Faulkner, Jones, Husband, Stein, Futcher (R), Fucillo, Boersma.
 Oldham: Platt; Hoolickin, Blair, Bell, Edwards, Holt, Wood, Young, Taylor, Chapman, Gardner.

MANSFIELD (1) 1 (Syrett)
SOUTHAMPTON (2) 2 (Ball pen., MacDougall) 8,673
 Mansfield: Arnold; Pate, Foster (B), Sharkey, Foster (C), Wood, Miller, Goodwin, Syrett, Hodgson, Aston (Phillips).
 Southampton: Turner; Sharpe, Coak, Williams, Nicholl, Pickering, Ball, Boyer, MacDougall, Holmes, Waldron.

MILLWALL (0) 0
BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Ward) 9,534
 Millwall: Johns; Donaldson, Moore, Brisley, Kitchener, Hazell (Walker), Pearson, Seasman, Hamilton, Lee, Chambers.

Brighton: Steele; Cattlin, Williams, Horton, Rollings, Lawrenson, Townner, Ward, Maybank, Clark, O'Sullivan.

NOTTS CO (3) 3 (Bradd 2, Vinter)
TOTTENHAM (1) 3 (Lee, Pratt 2) 15,709
 Notts Co: McManus; Richards (P), O'Brien, Chapman, Stubbs, McVay, Carter, Sims, Bradd, Mann, Vinter.

Tottenham: Daines; Naylor, Holmes, Hoddle, McAllister, Perryman, Pratt, McNab, Duncan, Lee, Armstrong.

ORIENT (0) 2 (Kitchen, Chiedoie)
SUNDERLAND (0) 2 (Clarke, Rowell) 6,737
 Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Bennett, Hoadley, Roeder, Chiedoie, Gray, Clarke (Payne), Kitchen, Grealish.
 Sunderland: Siddall; Gilbert, Henderson, Kerr, Clarke, Hindmarsh, Rostron, Elliott, Lee, Holden, Rowell.

SHEFF. U. (1) 1 (Woodward)
BOLTON (2) 5 (Reid, Worthington, Nicholson, Greaves pen., Whatmore) 22,603
 Sheff. U.: Brown; Cutbush, Calvert (Campbell), Kenworthy, Colquhoun, Keeley, Woodward, Edwards, Stainrod, Hamson, Hamilton.
 Bolton: McDonagh; Ritson, Nicholson, Greaves, Walsh, Allardice, Morgan, Whatmore, Train, Reid, Worthington.

THIRD DIVISION

CAMBRIDGE (2) 4 (Finney 2, Podd o.g., Biley)
BRADFORD C (0) 1 (Wright) 5,131
 Cambridge: Webster; Batson, Buckley, Stringer, Fallon, Howard, Watson, Spriggs, Morgan, Finney, Biley.
 Bradford C: Downsborough; Podd, Fretwell, Dolan, Cooke, Middleton, Martinez, Grimes, Wright, Watson (Ratcliffe), Hutchins.

CARLISLE (0) 2 (Hamilton, Bonnyman)
TRANMERE (1) 2 (Moore, Tynan) 6,281
 Carlisle: Ross; Carr, McCartney, McDonald, Lathan, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Tait, Rafferty, Hamilton.
 Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Philpotts, Evans, Peplow, Palios, Moore, Tynan, Allen.

CHESTERFIELD (1) 2 (Hunter, Fern)
PORT VALE (0) 0 4,617
 Chesterfield: Letheran; Tart, Hunter, Burton, Cottam, O'Neill, Dearden, Cammack, Fern, Green, Chamberlain.
 Port Vale: Connaughton; Beech, Griffiths, Ridley, Harris, Bentley (Kennerley), Sutcliffe, Brownbill, Beamish, Bailey, Cullerton.

EXETER (0) 1 (Kellow)
WALSALL (0) 1 (Buckley pen.) 5,149
 Exeter: Key; Templeman, Hatch, Hore, Giles, Saxton, Randall, Kellow, Bowker, Roberts, Holman.
 Walsall: Kearns; Macken, Caswell, Shelton, Serella, Harrison, Dennehy, Bates, Wood, Buckley, King.

HEREFORD (1) 2 (Emery, Davey)
CHESTER (1) 2 (Edwards I, Jones) 4,216
 Hereford: Mellor; Emery, Ritchie, Jefferson, Marshall, Briley, Stephens, Sheedy, Davey, Barton, Spiring.
 Chester: Lloyd; Edwards (N), Walker, Nickes, Delgado, Oakes, Crossley, Livermore, Jones, Edwards (I), Phillips.

LINCOLN 0
BURY 0 4,274
 Lincoln: Grotier; Guest, Leigh, Neale, Wigginton, Cooper, Jones, Ward, Harford, Hubbard, Harding.
 Bury: Forrest; Keenan, Kennedy, Whitehead, Tucker, Hatton, Stanton, McIlwraith, Rowland, Suddick, Robins.

PORTSMOUTH (2) 2 (Stokes, Gilchrist)
PETERBOROUGH (0) 2 (Anderson, Turner) 9,569
 Portsmouth: Figgins; Roberts, Wilson, Ellis, Denyer, Hand, Piper, Kemp, Gilchrist, Stokes, Mellows.
 Peterborough: Barron; Hughes, Lee, Doyle, Turner, Ross, Slough, McEwan, Sargent, Carmichael, Anderson.

PRESTON (3) 5 (Baxter, Bruce, Coleman, Thomson, Elwiss)
PLYMOUTH (1) 2 (Foster, Johnson) 6,500
 Preston: Tunks; McMahon, Cameron, Burns, Baxter, Cross (Doyle), Coleman, Haslegrave, Thomson, Elwiss, Bruce.
 Plymouth: Barron; Harrison, Uzzell, Bason, Foster, Craven, Delve, Megson, Austin, Johnson, Rogers.



Brighton 'keeper Eric Steele kept a clean sheet in his side's 1-0 away win v. Millwall.

ROTHERHAM (1) 2 (Crawford, Dawson)
OXFORD (0) 0 3,542
 Rotherham: McAlister; Womble, Breckin, Rhodes, Forrest, Green, Finney, Dawson, Crawford, Goodfellow, Nix.
 Oxford: Burton; Fogg, Drysdale, Briggs, Clarke, Jeffrey, Berry (Curran), Taylor, Foley, Seacole, Duncan.

SWINDON (1) 2 (McHale 2 pens)
SHEFF. WED (0) 2 (Rushbury pen., Mullen) 7,609
 Swindon: Allan; McLaughlin, Trollope, Stroud, Ford, Prophet, Moss, Kamara, Carter, McHale, Cunningham (Gilligan).
 Sheff. W: Bolder; Walden, Grant, Rushbury, Cusack, Mullen, Wylde, Porterfield, Tynan, Johnson, Leman.

WREXHAM 0
SHREWSBURY 0 13,631
 Wrexham: Davies; Hill, Dwyer, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, McNeil, Whittle, Cartwright (Lyons).
 Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; Hayes, Leonard, King, Turner, Durban, Irvine, Hornsby, Lindsay, Bates, Maguire.

FOURTH DIVISION

ALDERSHOT (0) 1 (Dungworth pen.)
YORK (0) 1 (Randall) 3,798
 Aldershot: Johnson; Cahill, Wooler, Dixon, Earls, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie (Hooper), Bell, Dungworth, McGregor.
 York: Brown; Clements, Hutt, Scott, Topping, James, Novacki (Hope), Young, Randall, McDonald, Staniforth.

BOURNEMOUTH (1) 1 (Finnigan)
CREWE (0) 0 3,166
 Bournemouth: Baker; Butler, Miller, Cunningham, Impey, Cave, Johnson, Showers, Finnigan, Lennard, Riley.
 Crewe: Crudgington; Roberts, Cheetham, Lugg, Bowles, Bevan, Davies (D), Purdie, Davies (W), Coyne (Rimmer), McGinley.

DARLINGTON (1) 1 (Seal)
GRIMSBY (1) 2 (Cumming, Liddell) 2,265
 Darlington: Burleigh; Stone, Cochrane, Young, Craig, Hague, Maitland, Lyons, Ferguson (Jones), Seal, Wann.
 Grimsby: Batch; Mawer, Moore, Waters, Barker, Hanvey, Liddell, Donovan (Drinkell), Partridge, Cumming, Brolly.

HALIFAX (1) 1 (Bullock)
WIMBLEDON (0) 2 (Bryant, Denny) 2,770
 Halifax: Gennoe; Flavell, Loska, Smith, Dunleavy, Trainer, Horsfall (Bradley), Carroll, Bullock, Lawson, Bell.
 Wimbledon: Guy; Bryant, Galvin, Donaldson, Edwards, Bassett, Galliers, Bithell (Tilley), Summerford, Parsons, Denny.

NEWPORT (0) 1 (Williams)
DONCASTER (0) 0 4,029
 Newport: Plumley; Byrne, Aizlewood, Emanuel (Vaughan), Walker (R), Jones, Guscott, Goddard, Clark, Relish, Williams.
 Doncaster: Peacock; Hemsley, Olney, Laidlaw, Owen, Reed, Meagan, Jones (M), O'Callaghan, Habbins, Bentley.

NORTHAMPTON (2) 2 (Reilly 2)
BRENTFORD (0) 2 (McCulloch 2) 4,050
 Northampton: Jayes; Tucker, Mead, Best, Litt, Little, Farrington (Martin), Williams, Bryant, Reilly, Christie.
 Brentford: Bond; Shrubbs, Allen, Salman, Kruse, Smith, Graham (J), Graham (W), Aldler, McCulloch, Phillips.

ROCHDALE (1) 1 (Owen)
BARNLEY (0) 1 (Hinch) 2,688
 Rochdale: Slack; Boslem, O'Loughlin, Morrin, Scott, Bannon, Owen, Scaife, Melledew, Esser, Hoy.
 Barnley: Springett; Murphy, Collins, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Warnock, Hinch, Peachey, Little, Brown.

SCUNTHORPE (0) 0
SOUTHPORT (1) 2 (Jones, Ashworth) 2,574
 Scunthorpe: Crawford; Davy, Peacock, O'Donnell, Czuczman, Bridges, Oates, Keeley, Lumby, Wigg, Farrell (Pilling).
 Southport: Cumbes; Kisby, Snookes, O'Neil, Brooks, Fisher, Higham, Jones, Ashworth, Wilson, Gay.

SWANSEA (0) 1 (Moore G.)
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0 5,906
 Swansea: Barber; Evans, Morris, Lally, May, Bartley, Bruton, James (R), Charles, Moore (G), Moore (K).
 Huddersfield: Starling; Hart, Sandercock, Holmes, Baines, Sidebottom, Butler, Branagan, Mountford, Johnson, Gray.

TORQUAY 0
HARTLEPOOL 0 2,275
 Torquay: Lee; Twitchin, Payne, Vassallo (Lawrence), Green, Darke, Tomlin, Boulton, Dunne, Brown, Coffill.
 Hartlepool: Edgar; Malone (Smith T.), Creamer, Gibb, Ayre, Smith (G), McMorde, Downing, Newton, Poskett, Bielby.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

ABERDEEN (1) 2 (Sullivan 2)
CELTIC (0) 1 (MacDonald) 24,600
 Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, McLelland, McMaster, Garner, Miller, Sullivan, Davidson, Gibson, Jarvie, Robb.
 Celtic: Latchford; Filippi, Lynch, Aitken, MacDonald, Munro, Glavin, Edvaldsson, McCluskey, MacAdam, Wilson.

MOTHERWELL (1) 3 (Pettigrew, Marinello, Stevens)
AYR (0) 0 6,982
 Motherwell: Rennie; Watson, Kennedy, Miller (P), McVie, Stevens, Marinello, Pettigrew, O'Rourke, Miller (J), McLaren.
 Ayr: Sproat; Rodman, Kelly, Fleming, Hyslop, McAnespie, McCall, McSherry, Masterton, McLaughlin, Cramond (Christie).

ST MIRREN (0) 0
RANGERS (1) 2 (Smith, Johnstone) 21,000
 St. Mirren: Hunter; Young, Beckett, Fitzpatrick, Reid, Copland, Torrance, Stark (Docherty), McGarvey, Abercrombie, Munro.
 Rangers: Kennedy; Jardine, Greig, Forsyth, Jackson, MacDonald, McKean, Russell, Johnstone, Smith, Cooper.

Clydebank v Dundee Utd and Partick v Hibs postponed.

MONDAY, JAN. 16

F.A. CUP (Third Round replay)

NORWICH (0) 0
ORIENT (0) 1 (Kitchen) 20,421
 Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Sullivan, Ryan, Fleeting, Powell, Neighbour, Suggett, Gibbins, Reeves, Peters.
 Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Grealish, Hoadley, Roeder, Chiedoie, Gray, Mayo, Kitchen, Bennett.

(second replay)

GRIMSBY (0) 1 (Waters)
SOUTHAMPTON (2) 4 (Peach, Boyer, MacDougall, Holmes) at Leicester 11,356
 Grimsby: Batch; Mawer, Moore, Waters, Barker, Hanvey, Cumming, Liddell, Donovan, Partridge, Brolly.
 Southampton: Turner; Waldron, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Pickering, Ball, Boyer, MacDougall, Holmes, Coak.

TUESDAY, JAN. 17

LEAGUE CUP (Quarter-Finals)

BURY (0) 0
NOTTM FOREST (1) 3 (Bowyer, O'Neill, Robertson) 21,500
 Bury: Forrest; Keenan, Kennedy, Hatton, Tucker, Whitehead, Stanton, Thomson, Rowland, Robins, McIlwraith.
 Nottm F: Woods; Anderson, Clark, McGovern, Barrett, Burns, O'Neill, Bowyer, Withe, Woodcock, Robertson.

WREXHAM (1) 1 (Lyons)
LIVERPOOL (1) 3 (Dalglish 3) 25,641
 Wrexham: Davies; Hill, Dwyer, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton (Lee), Lyons, Whittle, Cartwright.
 Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Hansen, Thompson, Kennedy, Hughes, Dalglish, Case, Johnson, McDermott, Callaghan.

THIRD DIVISION

SHEFF. WED. (1) 2 (Rushbury pen., Wyld)
EXETER (0) 1 (Bowker) 9,596
 Sheff. W: Bolder; Walden, Grant, Rushbury, Cusack, Mullen, Wyld, Porterfield, Tynan, Johnson, Leman.
 Exeter: Key; Templeman, Hore, Bowker, Giles, Hatch, Saxton, Kellow, Randall, Roberts, Holman.

WALSALL 0
TRANMERE 0 6,072
 Walsall: Kearns; Macken, Caswell, Harrison, Serella, Evans, Dennehy, Bates, Wood, Buckley, King.
 Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Philpotts, Evans, Peplow, Palios, Moore, Tynan (Cliff), Allen.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18

LEAGUE CUP (Quarter-Finals)

LEEDS (3) 4 (Currie, Lorimer 2, 1 pen., Gray, E)
EVERTON (1) 1 (Thomas) 35,020
 Leeds: Harvey; Reaney, Gray (F), Lorimer, Parkinson, Madeley, Cherry, Hankin, Currie, Gray (E), Graham.
 Everton: Wood; Darracott, Pejic, Lyons, Higgins, Buckley (Jones), King, Dobson, Latchford, McKenzie, Thomas.

MAN. CITY 0
ARSENAL 0 42,000
 Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie, Booth, Watson, Owen, Barnes, Bell, Kidd, Hartford, Tueart.

Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, Young, O'Leary, Brady, Matthews, Macdonald, Stapleton, Rix.

FRIDAY, JAN. 20

THIRD DIVISION

PORTSMOUTH (1) 1 (Hand)
SWINDON (0) 2 (Moss, Kamara) 11,647
 Portsmouth: Figgins; Roberts, Wilson, Ellis, Denyer, Hand, Piper, Kemp, Gilchrist, Stokes, Mellows.
 Swindon: Allan; Ford, Trollope, Kamara, Carter, Prophet, Moss, Stroud, Guthrie, McHale, Cunningham.

TRANMERE (1) 2 (Palios, Moore)
HEREFORD (0) 1 (Davey) 4,481
 Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Philpotts, Evans, Peplow, Palios, Moore, James, Allen.
 Hereford: Mellor; Cornes, Jefferson, Marshall, Ritchie, Sheedy, Briley, Barton, Stephens, Davey, Spiring.

Port Vale v Wrexham postponed.

FOURTH DIVISION

Hartlepool v Southport postponed.

SATURDAY, JAN. 21

FIRST DIVISION

CHELSEA (1) 5 (Swain 2, Finnieston, Wicks, Langley)
IPSWICH (2) 3 (Osborne, Wark, Mariner) 26,044

Chelsea: Bonetti; Locke, Harris, Britton, Droy, Wicks, Garner (Finnieston), Wilkins (R), Langley, Swain, Walker.
 Ipswich: Sivell; Mills, Tibbott, Talbot, Hunter, Osman, Osborne, Wark, Mariner (Brazil), Geddis, Gates.

LEEDS (2) 2 (Hankin, Harris)
COVENTRY (0) 0 27,062

Leeds: Harvey; Reaney, Gray (F), Lorimer, Parkinson, Madeley, Harris (Flynn), Hankin, Cherry, Currie, Gray (E).
 Coventry: Blyth; Coop, McDonald, Yorath, Osgood, Roberts, Graydon, Powell (Beck), Ferguson, Wallace, Hutchison.

LEICESTER 0
Q.P.R. 0 16,288

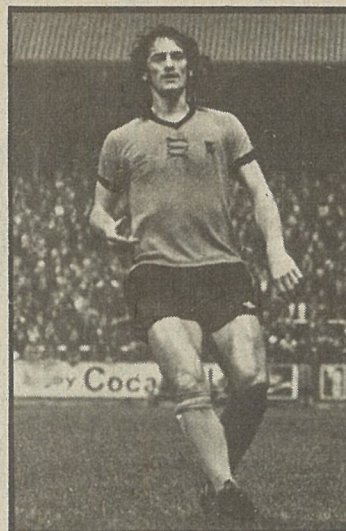
Leicester: Wallington; Williams, Rofe, Kember, Sims, Webb, Earle, Kelly, Davies, Hughes, Salmons.
 Q.P.R.: Parkes; Shanks, Gillard, Hollins, Howe, Cunningham, Wallace, Francis (Williams), James, Bowles, Givens.

LIVERPOOL (0) 2 (Thompson, Kennedy)
BIRMINGHAM (0) 3 (Emmanuel, Bertschin, Francis pen.) 48,401

Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Hansen, Thompson, Kennedy, Hughes, Dalglish, McDermott, Johnson, Souness, Callaghan (Case).
 Birmingham: Montgomery; Calderwood, Pendrey, Towers, Gallagher, Howard, Emmanuel, Francis, Bertschin, Hibbitt, Dillon.

MAN. UTD. (2) 4 (Hill 2, 1 pen., Pearson, Buchan)

DERBY (0) 0 57,115
 Man. U: Roche; Nicholl, Albiston, Mollroy, Houston, Buchan, Coppell, Greenhoff (J), Pearson, Macari, Hill.



Wolves beat Everton 3-1 at Molineux. Two of their goals were scored by Kenny Hibbitt.

Derby: Middleton; Langan, Buckley, Rioch, Daniel, Powell, Curran, Daly, Masson, George, Ryan (Bartlett).

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1 (Boam)
W.B.A. (0) 0 19,172

Middlesbrough: Platt; Craggs, Biley, Mahoney, Boam, Ramage, Mills, Cummins, Ashcroft, McAndrew, Armstrong.
 W.B.A.: Godden; Mulligan, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Martin, Cunningham, Regis, Treweek, Johnston.

NORWICH (0) 1 (Gibbins)
MAN. CITY (1) 3 (Kidd 2, Owen) 20,397

Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Sullivan, Ryan, Jones, Powell, Lythgoe, Suggett, Gibbins, Reeves, Peters.
 Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie, Booth, Watson, Owen, Barnes, Bell, Kidd, Hartford, Tueart.

NOTTM FOREST (1) 2 (Needham, Gemmill)
ARSENAL (0) 0 35,743

Nottm F: Shilton; Anderson, Barrett, McGovern, Needham, Burns, O'Neill, Gemmill, Withe, Woodcock, Robertson.
 Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Macdonald, Stapleton, Rix.

WEST HAM (1) 1 (Hales)
NEWCASTLE (0) 0 25,461

West Ham: Ferguson; McDowell, Lampard, Bonds, Taylor (T), Curbishley, Devonshire, Pike, Cross, Taylor (A), Hales.
 Newcastle: Mahoney; Nattrass, Barker, Cassidy (Gowling), Bird, Kennedy, Burns, Hudson, McGhee, Larnach, Barrowclough.

WOLVES (1) 3 (Hibbitt 2, Daley)
EVERTON (0) 1 (Ross pen.) 23,777

Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daley, Hazell, McAlle, Hibbitt, Carr, Bell, Patching, Daly.
 Everton: Wood; Darracott (Jones), Pejic, Lyons, Kenyon, Ross, King, Pearson, Latchford, McKenzie, Thomas.

Aston Villa v Bristol City postponed.

SECOND DIVISION

BOLTON (0) 1 (Whatmore)
HULL (0) 0 18,256

Bolton: McDonagh; Ritson, Nicholson, Greaves, Walsh, Allardice, Morgan, Whatmore, Train, Reid, Worthington.
 Hull: Blackburn; Daniel, DeVries, Bremner, Dobson, Nisbet, Hawker, Lord, Hawley, Houl, Galvin.

BRIGHTON (3) 5 (Ward 3, 1 pen., Maybank, Horton)

MANSFIELD (0) 1 (O'Sullivan o.g.) 22,647

Brighton: Steele; Cattlin, Williams, Horton, Rollings, Lawrenson, Towner, Ward, Maybank, Clark, O'Sullivan.
 Mansfield: Arnold; Bird (Aston), Foster (B), Sharkey, Foster (C), Wood, Miller, Cooke, Syrett, Hodgson, Phillips.

BRISTOL R (1) 2 (Gould, Randall)
BLACKPOOL (0) 0 7,304

Bristol R: Thomas; Aitken, Bater, Day, Taylor (S), Prince, Barry, Pulis, Gould, Staniforth, Randall.
 Blackpool: Ward; Thompson, Harrison, Ronson, McEwan, Suddaby, Ainscow, Hart, Walsh, Hatton, Waldron (Weston).

CHARLTON 0
LUTON 0 8,267

Charlton: Wood; Curtis, Warman, Tydeman, Berry, Dugdale, Brisley, Gritt, Flanagan, Peacock, McAuley.
 Luton: Aleksic; Price, Carr, Hill, Faulkner, Fletcher (P), Husband, Jones, Fuccillo, Fletcher (R), Boersma.

C. PALACE (1) 1 (Hilaire)
BURNLEY (1) 1 (Noble) 15,159

C. Palace: Burns; Hinshelwood (P), Sansom, Holder, Gilbert, Blyth, Nicholas, Hilaire, Swindlehurst, Bourne (Smillie), Silkman.
 Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Noble, Thomson, Rodaway, Cochrane, Ingham, Fletcher, Kindon, Newton.

OLDHAM (1) 2 (Taylor, Young)
ORIENT (1) 1 (Mayo) 8,206

Oldham: Platt; Wood, Blair, Bell, Edwards, Holt, Valentine, Taylor, Young, Chapman, Gardner.
 Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Grealish, Hoadley, Roeder, Godfrey, Gray, Mayo, Kitchen, Payne.

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 3 (Boyer 2, Williams)
NOTTS CO (1) 1 (Vinter) 20,174

Southampton: Turner; Waldron, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Pickering, Ball, Boyer, MacDougall, Holmes, Coak.
 Notts Co: McManus; Richards (P), O'Brien, Chapman, Stubbs, McVay, Carter, Sims, Bradd (Hooks), Mann, Vinter.

SUNDERLAND (1) 5 (Kerr, Rostrom, Elliott, Rowell 2, 1 pen.)

SHEFF. UTD (0) 1 (Campbell) 22,634
 Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson, Gilbert, Kerr, Clarke, Ashurst, Rostrom, Elliott, Holden, Lee, Rowell.
 Sheff. U: Brown; Keeley, Calvert, Speight, Franks, Flynn, Woodward, Campbell, Stainrod, Hamson, Longhorn.

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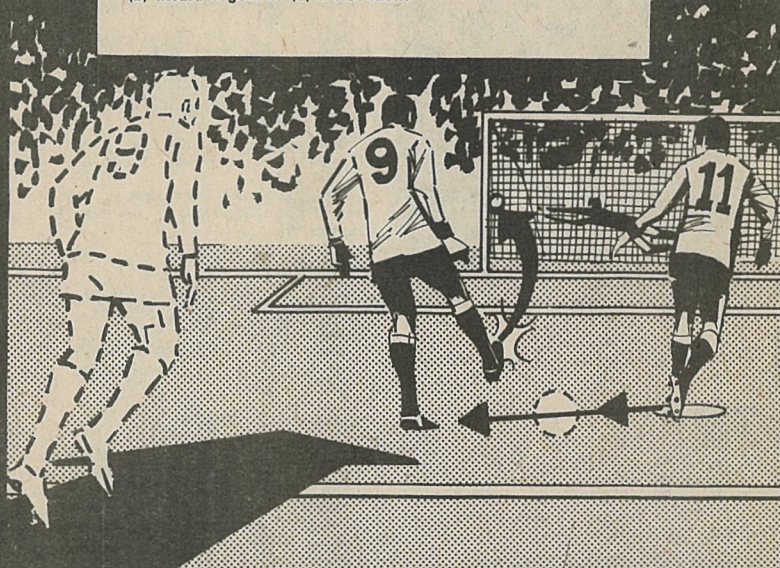
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At a penalty-kick the ball is back-heeled to a colleague who runs in and scores. Do you (a) order the penalty to be retaken, (b) award a goal or (c) a free-kick?

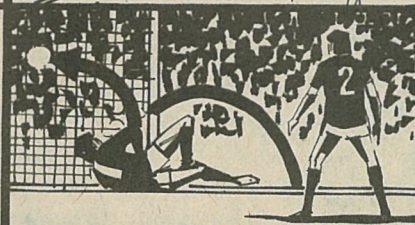


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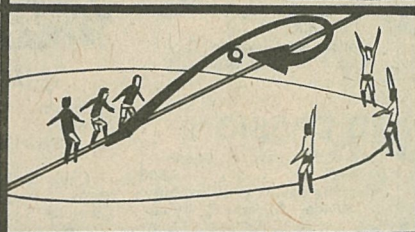
A: An attacker realises he is in an offside position and runs away from the goal as the ball is kicked past him into the goal. You award an indirect free-kick for offside.



B: The free-kick is inside the penalty-area and the ball is played back to the goalkeeper. He touches it but it goes into the goal. You allow the goal.



C: When the kick-off is taken the ball is kicked into the opposing half but is blown back behind the halfway line before it is touched. You take no action. (Where is the problem?)



ANSWERS . . .

1. The ball has not been kicked forward. The penalty must be retaken (a).
2. The problem is in B. The free-kick must be retaken because the ball was not kicked into play outside the penalty-area. In A the attacker is correctly penalised because he is interfering with play. In C the ball has been kicked forward into play.

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Progress report on American Soccer

SOCCER in the States is becoming so popular that the North American Soccer League are turning down clubs who want to join next summer.

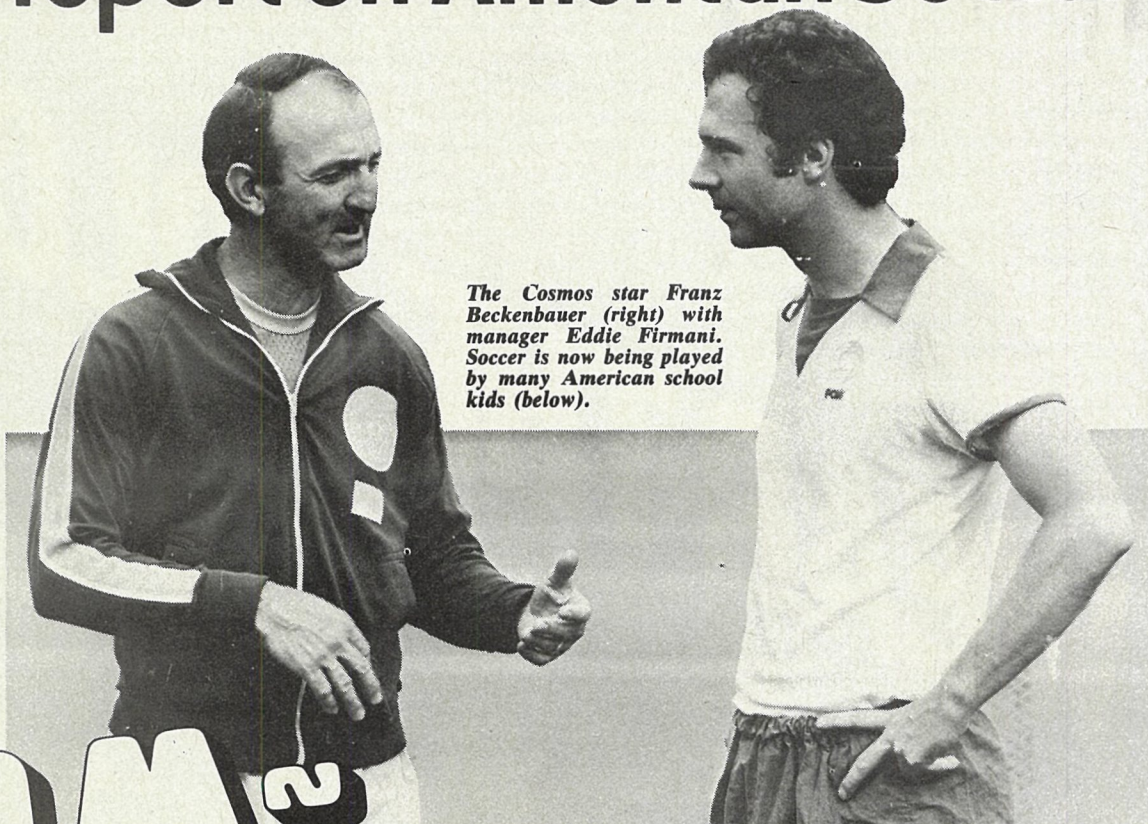
Over 25 new applications for franchises have come in, but the League is allowing only four to bring their number of teams up to 22.

One of the new clubs is the Philadelphia Fury, owned by a pop consortium headed by Mick Jagger and which has already lured Southampton striker Peter Osgood, Johnny Giles and ex-Newcastle manager Richard Dinnis. Another is the Jimmy Hill-backed Detroit.

The reason everyone's scrambling to get in on the act is soccer is beginning to prove itself capable of attracting a mass audience at last.

When big-soccer started in America in 1971, only 430,000 people watched the eight teams. Last summer, over three million fans turned out — almost a million up on the previous year.

A lot of British coaches and players have already found the lure of the dollar irresistible. And there is



The Cosmos star Franz Beckenbauer (right) with manager Eddie Firmani. Soccer is now being played by many American school kids (below).

BOOM~ TIME!

going to be more traffic in players across the Atlantic the way things are going.

Ron Newman, the manager of Fort Lauderdale Strikers, was one of the original pioneers of American soccer from this country.

He went across ten years ago with Phil Woosnam and he has no intention of returning.

Says Newman: "I'd never go back to England now. You can work yourself to death there and never see the rewards. It may sound corny, but this is still the land of opportunity."

"I've a house down on the beach, two big cars, and I have the kind of lifestyle I could never have afforded in England."

"They've kids playing soccer in the schools over here now who are as skilful as those in England. The only problem is they don't get the same competition as English lads of their age. They can't really get the experience until they play in the N.A.S.L. because there aren't the same calibre of intermediary leagues as in Britain."

Former England goalkeeper Gordon Banks spent last summer under Newman and he predicts American soccer will soon be a force to be reckoned with.

Said Banks: "I believe they'll have a decent international team in four or five years. It probably won't be World Cup standard, but they'll have a side capable of holding their own."

"I didn't know what to expect when I went out there — certainly not anything as impressive as the set-up I saw. It's very exciting."



The biggest breakthrough for soccer in the States was, of course, Pele's decision to play for the Cosmos. He captured the imagination of the American public — and more important, the attention of the television cameras.

Now he's gone, the sport has to prove it can stand on its own feet — and attract players from Britain and Europe in their prime. So far, they've mainly drawn from the ranks of the older players, or young ones who didn't quite make it in their own countries.

Mike Dillon didn't make it at Spurs and after playing at Cardiff, Swindon and Millwall without much enjoyment, he made the break to the States.

Now he is a star at the Cosmos, plays alongside Franz Beckenbauer and picks up around £15,000 a year.

Dillon has been playing for Isthmian League side Cheshunt this winter to keep fit but he'll be back in the States by the end of February.

He says: "It's a different world over there. When I left Spurs, all that faced me was a career in the Second or Third Division, where I'd have been lucky to pick up £7,000. I'd like to play here for the next eight or ten years."

Dillon's manager, Eddie Firmani, has one of the most enviable positions in soccer. Dutch superstar Johan Cruyff has so far managed

to resist offers to join the Cosmos, but Firmani has the cash to buy almost any player in the world.

He says: "This may sound ridiculous, but if I wanted, I could fly to London tomorrow and buy the entire England team."

Firmani was manager of Tampa Bay Rowdies in Florida before quitting to take over the Cosmos, leading them to the title last season.

He's just moved into a 120,000 dollar home in New Jersey with his wife Pat and three of their four children.

He says: "The Cosmos job is one of the greatest. If I blow this, I'll put a gun to my head."

A lot of players still travel back to England during the long close season in America, but Derek Smethurst is another who now lives full time in the States.

He plays for the Rowdies and has a luxury apartment a stone's throw from the ground.

Smethurst, who played for Millwall, says: "I'd never go back to England. The soccer is still better there, but it's improving here all the time and the standard of living is so much higher."

Former Birmingham manager Freddie Goodwin has been impressed with the treatment of clubs in the States. He only agreed to join Minnesota for a season but liked it so much he's now planning to stay there indefinitely.

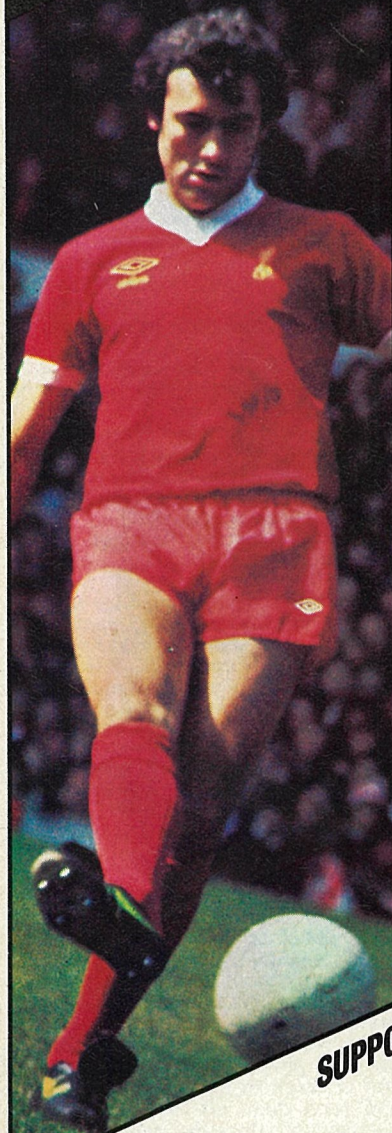
Says Goodwin: "The nicest thing for me is I'm able to live a normal family life again because I don't have to be out watching matches every night as I used to in England."

"English clubs could learn from the way they look after people. When we played at Los Angeles, the club arranged for the wives and children to fly down with us and took them off for a tour of Disneyland before the game."

Which team do you support? Liverpool, Scotland, Manchester City, Celtic, Rangers, Aston Villa, Arsenal, Blackpool, Bristol City, Bolton Wanderers, Burnley, Cardiff City, Chelsea, Derby County, Everton, Heart of Midlothian, Stoke City, St Mirren, Sunderland, Partick Thistle, West Bromwich Albion, Wolverhampton Wanderers? ☐ Show your allegiance!

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FAVOURITE PLAYER: Ian St. John (former Liverpool forward).
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: All of them.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Beating Derby in the League Cup last season.
BIGGEST THRILL: Captaining the England Under-21 team.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Missing out on promotion over the last two seasons.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Switzerland.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Dover Sole.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: A night out with the lads.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Smoking, armchair critics.
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Happy Days (The Fonz), Fawlty Towers, When The Boat Comes In.
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Elvis Presley, Gladys Knight.
FAVOURITE ACTORS: John Cleese, Clint Eastwood.
BEST FRIENDS: My team-mates and the boys I know in Liverpool.
BIGGEST INFLUENCES ON CAREER: My father, manager Ian Greaves and his assistant George Mulhall, Eddie Hopkinson, former Bolton youth team coach.
BIGGEST DRAG IN FOOTBALL: Losing, Neil Whatmore keeping me awake Friday nights on away trips talking.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England Under-21's.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To shut Roy Greaves up (team-mate) and be happy.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: A full cap — and promotion for Bolton.
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? A fat factory worker.
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? No one really.



SHOOT!

SCOTLAND begin their countdown to the World Cup Finals when they meet Bulgaria for the first time in a full international.

It will be a useful match for manager Ally MacLeod as he will have to field some "new" faces, owing to injuries and a problem concerning Willie Donachie.

The Manchester City left-back is suspended from the opening tie of the Finals as he received two yellow cards during the qualifying games.

MacLeod has announced that while the City star will be very much in his future plans, the Bulgaria match is the ideal chance to give a replacement a run-out.

In fact, MacLeod will have to field an "unfamiliar" right-back as well owing to the injury to Danny McGrain, arguably the best player in his position in the world.

Rangers' Sandy Jardine will, no doubt, fill the number two shirt, but there is no obvious stand-in for Donachie.

MacLeod may decide to play Martin Buchan there, with Tommy "Jaws" Forsyth continuing as sweeper.

We suspect MacLeod would also have played Aston Villa's Andy Gray, available again after his World Cup suspension. However, the 22-year-old striker is out with knee ligament trouble, so he'll have to wait until possibly the British Championship before pulling on a Scotland shirt again.

MacLeod will leave his final selection for Argentina until the last moment to give the two SHOOT columnists, McGrain and Gray, time to prove their fitness. Their absence in the Finals is unthinkable.

The Scotland boss may also play two goalkeepers against Bulgaria — one in each half, of course! He's a big fan of Partick's transfer-seeking Alan Rough and "Scruff" is a "must" for Argentina.

Who goes with him? MacLeod wants to take just two 'keepers — not the customary three — and there are players with strong claims, notably Coventry's Jim Blyth, in superb form lately.

By and large, Ally will probably want to keep the nucleus of his fine team together and the Rioch/Masson/Hartford combina-

**Scotland v. Bulgaria.
Preview of the friendly
international at
Hampden Park, on
Wednesday, February
22nd.**

MacLeod's squad of 22 for the World Cup Finals is almost finalised. He must know 16 or 17 of the players who will definitely go and all that remains is for some younger stars — or older ones like Kenny Burns — to underline the fact they can do a job for Scotland.

The Scots are fortunate to have three very competitive matches in the British Championship during May to keep them on their toes.

Perhaps it would have been better for Scotland to have played Bulgaria or someone else AWAY next week.

It is away from Hampden the Scots need experience and, after all, the World Cup Finals will all be away ties.

However, the game against Bulgaria should enable Scotland to boost their confidence even more ... if that's possible!

SCOTS TUNE-UP FOR ARGENTINA

tion in midfield will have another opportunity to show its power.

One player with a chance of re-establishing himself is Nottingham Forest's Archie Gemmill, currently playing the best football of his career. In any other midfield, wee Archie would be an automatic choice, but such is the strength of Scotland he may only be a sub.

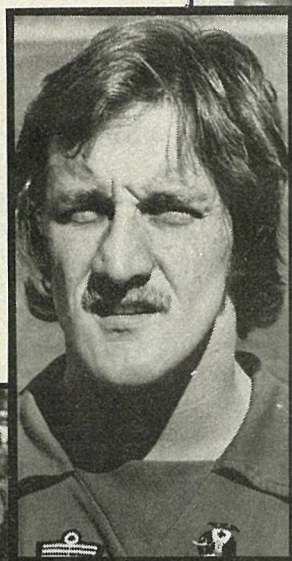
Bulgaria will provide a stern test for the Scots. They may be an unexciting side, but they're never easy to beat and like all sides knocked out of the World Cup, will be eager to put one over on the "elite".

The Bulgarians were involved in an ill-tempered match against the Republic of Ireland in Sofia, where the worst aspects of the game were seen. Let's hope next Wednesday's clash isn't as violent.

All eyes will be on Scotland, now, and the likes of Rioch and Johnston — who have been criticised for over-enthusiastic tactics — must be on their best behaviour.

Scotland have enough skill in their line-up to beat just about anyone on their day. And while they can also compete with the best, the referees in Argentina won't stand for some tackles that are allowed in Britain.

Manchester City's Willie Donachie (right) will miss the clash on Wednesday and also the first World Cup match. Jim Blyth (below) has been in tremendous form for Coventry and could gain his first full Scotland cap against Bulgaria.



Bulgaria (light strip) were in the same World Cup qualifying group as the Republic of Ireland.

ROSARIO is expecting thousands of Mexico fans to travel to cheer their country during the World Cup Finals. The town doesn't have enough hotels, so many Mexicans will be staying in floating hotels... ships are being converted to accommodate them.

Ball Vanishes

HUNDREDS of fans had to leave just after the start of a game in the Tabora Central Stadium, Tanzania... because the ball was lost!

The match was only five minutes old when Allan of Nzega United kicked the ball so fiercely his shot went out of the stadium — landed on a passing truck — and disappeared.

Allan was blamed for such a hard, reckless effort and as no other ball could be found, the game was abandoned and another match arranged... with a reserve ball available!



Compiled by Chris Davies

Brazil star to PSYCH OUT team-mate

THE BRAZILIAN coach, Cláudio Coutinho, hasn't yet named the 22 players who will start training for the World Cup by the end of February, but he has already made clear that Luiz Pereira (right), now playing for Atletico Madrid, will be one of them.

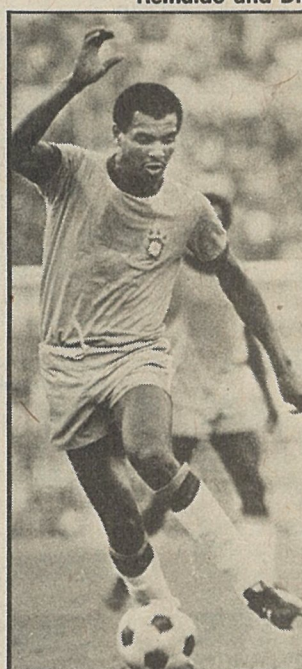
As soon as the results of the draw for the World Cup groups were known, Coutinho telephoned Pereira in Madrid and told him that he will be counting on him. He also wants Pereira to give him as much information as possible about Spain, one of the teams in Brazil's group (Group Three).

Pereira told Coutinho that he will be keeping an eye on Ruben Cano, the Argentinian-born Atletico Madrid centre-forward who will be playing for Spain in the World Cup, and try to have him "psyched out" by the time Brazil and Spain come to play.

Even though Coutinho refuses to

name his players for the World Cup, it is certain that there will be a few surprises in the package, including the calling of two players relatively unknown (outside-right Tarciso and midfielder Batista).

Full-backs Nelinho and Francisco Marinho will most probably be left out, the first on account of his cartilage problems and the second due to poor performances through most of last year and a somewhat wild private life.



The Brazil team should then read like this: Leão; Toninho, Luiz Pereira, Amaral and Edinho; Cerezo, Rivelino and Zico; Tarciso, Reinaldo and Dirceu.

Edinho plays as centre-back for his club, Fluminense, but Coutinho tried him as left-back against France last year and thinks he can do the job in Argentina.

Toninho is a powerfully built Negro who is a brisk defender and enjoys going forward to attack.

According to ex-midfielder-now-turned-football-critic Gerson, Toninho has "the strength of a bull, but also, unfortunately, the same brains".

DOWN IN THE MOUTH

IN SPAIN, Español's Paraguayan-born star, Ortiz Aquino, is now back in training with his team-mates after being suspended by the club. Apparently the 28-year-old defender had toothache, but refused point-blank to visit the dentist because he was "mortally scared of all doctors and dentists".

After three weeks of this the club finally frog-marched him to the dentist, and Aquino is now feeling better after having three teeth removed.

Mexico's caveman

SURELY the hairiest player in the World Cup Finals will be Mexico's Leonardo Cuéllar, the 25-year-old midfielder.

In Mexico, he's nicknamed "The Caveman"... a title Cuéllar doesn't particularly like.

He says: "My appearance is always the subject of comment and criticism. People forget I was voted the Best-Behaved Player of the Year on two occasions. I'm not the wild man some folk make me out."

"After all, the problem would only arise if one's hair grew inwards and damaged one's thinking!"



FEW AWAY WINS IN SPAIN

IN THE first half of the Spanish Championship, a total of 425 goals were scored in the 153 games played — an average of 2.77 per match. No fewer than 104 of the games ended as home wins; 35 were draws; and only 14 visiting teams went home with both points. 71 penalties were awarded (at the rate of one for every 194 minutes of play), and 19 of them were missed. Referees also showed 352 yellow cards and 22 red ones — 10 per cent less than last season.

Real Madrid were six points clear at the half-way mark, and their striker Santillana was top scorer with 17 goals in 17 games.

A NEW record in the Belgian League was set up when eight of the nine First Division games were drawn. The only club to win was Lierse SK who beat Charleroi.

NEWS FLASHES

Poland goalkeeper Jan Tomaszewski, 30, has announced he'd like to join a West German club after the World Cup Finals. He has won 56 caps, played in 716 official games, conceding 503 goals in 15 years.

Tunisia midfielder Tarak has been voted Africa's Footballer of the Year. Berti Vogts, the Borussia Mönchengladbach and West Germany captain, played his 400th Bundesliga game recently.

West Germany and Austria are glad they weren't drawn in the same World Cup group. They have arranged to charter a plane for both selections to fly to Argentina, and had they been rivals this could have created bad feeling.

Only 300 Dutch fans have so far booked to go to the World Cup Finals.

Miroslav Kovarik, goalkeeper of Czech club Inter Bratislava, has been suspended for nine months after punching an opponent.

UNLUCKY 13

WEST GERMANY goalkeeper Sepp Maier (who now sports a Kevin Keegan Afro-frizz hair-do) was fined £4,000 after being stopped in his car and breathalysed.

Maier, 33, had apparently drunk 13 glasses of heavy German beer — and anyone who has sampled that particular brew will know the effects!

The Bayern Munich star appealed to a higher court and by the time his case comes round the World Cup Finals will be started.

Maier hopes any ban will include the Finals, thus "shortening" his suspension.

Picture shows Maier and Bayern Munich team-mate Gerd Müller with the Honour Cross awarded to them by Bavaria for all they have accomplished for the state.



A SERIES of unexpected results gave a huge payout in the Italian Pools. A man in Milan was fortunate enough to be the only winner and became richer by 1,185,159,008 lire which is about £750,000. Needless to say, this is a record.

IN addition to his multi-million dollar contract with the Cosmos, Franz Beckenbauer is also cashing in on the advertising market. He can be seen promoting American Express, male cosmetics, and Japanese cars — Toyotas.

'WE'LL ATTACK THE SCOTS'

PERU BOSS Marcos Calderon didn't go to the World Cup draw — because his appointment hadn't been confirmed by the new Football Commission.

However, Calderon keeps his job in charge of Peru, Scotland's first World Cup opponents in Cordoba.

He says: "We started player preparation early in February. I hope we can go on a tour to gain some useful experience... Mexico, North America and Europe is my aim. It is important to give our younger players practice against different opponents, particularly Europeans."

"My team will be 50 per cent experience, 50 per cent youth. Uruguay tried to change their team completely and introduced new players and failed miserably."

"This is why I'll be sticking by some of our 1970 World Cup stars such as Sotil, Cubillas, Chumtitz and Munante."

"We'll be very happy if we finish in the top eight in Argentina. Of course, we want to win, but whatever we do we'll stay faithful to our attacking game."

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This week's Star Letter comes from Peter Horton of Dewsbury, West Yorkshire, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

LEEDS — VICTIMISED?

THE three-year F.A. Cup ban handed out to Leeds by the F.A. is ridiculous. By banning United from playing home ties the authorities seem to have it in for the club.

I was at the match against Manchester City and stood where the trouble started. I saw, at the most, 20 people trying to cause bother.

The rest were attempting to get on to the pitch to prevent being crushed by fans pressing forward in an effort to see what was happening.

There was no "invasion" — 99 per cent of the supporters were, in fact, behind the goal-line.

As usual when Leeds' fans cause any trouble the club was handed a heavy punishment. It seems okay for Manchester United and Newcastle supporters to have full-scale invasions, or for Old Trafford fans to ruin the stadium at Norwich.

Punishment for these incidents was hardly on the same level as those handed to Leeds always seem to be.

● There certainly seems to be some discrepancy. I'm all for stiff punishments and positive steps to combat hooliganism. But they must be consistent, and in this respect Man. United fans were very lucky to be let off by U.E.F.A. after the "Battle of St-Etienne" in France. I'd also like to congratulate the Elland Road ref, Colin Seel, on his handling of the situation. He was a credit to the game.

Pele Tops

ARGUMENTS about the greatest footballer will rage on forever, but for me Pele is the best.

He's the most complete player I've ever seen, a marvellous athlete with perfect physique, superb vision, ball control, speed etc.

Pele could make half-chances look easy and unlike some "star" players the Brazilian was prepared to work for his team.

I don't think we'll see another player quite like Pele.

ANDREW MARTIN,
YORK.

● Neither do I. Apart from his many dazzling goals, I'll always remember Pele for a near-miss... that remarkable lobbing shot from inside his own half against Czechoslovakia during the 1970 World Cup Finals that went outside the goal by inches. Incredible.

Genius Hill

AS A dedicated Scottish football fan I can't help thinking how underrated Gordon Hill is.

His calibre is not matched elsewhere in England or Scotland — the player is a genius.

If England had more like him... players whose tenacity is equal to their skill... they'd be in with a great chance of being world-beaters.

ALASDAIR MacPHERSON,
BANNOCKBURN.

● Praise indeed from a Scot. It's good to see wingers like Gordon making such a big impression in football.

Bargain

INFLATION in football may increase with alarming regularity, but there are still some bargains.

For me, the bargain of 1977/78 is Pat Jennings (below) who cost Arsenal only £50,000 from Spurs. A cheap price for a goalkeeper of great class.

I. LIVINGSTON,
SHEFFIELD.



● I agree, but I also think Nottingham Forest's £275,000 investment in Peter Shilton was money well spent.

Pen-Pal

I'M A 13-year-old boy from Norway and I'd like to have pen-pals anywhere in the world who support Manchester United.

FREDDT MATHISEN,
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NORWAY.

PATIENCE is an important part for football — both on and off the pitch. Young players are champing at the bit eager to make their mark in the first team.

Their eagerness is understandable. I am only 24, and I was as eager as any of the young Wolves to make my way into the "big" side.

But then you look around at the players in possession and you must be honest with yourself and face the fact there is no way the

middle and hit the ball with everything I had.

I've never yet got a hat-trick. Managed a "double" once or twice, but not a three-timer. It may come one day. Doesn't matter anyway, as long as we score more than the opposition.

Marking is much tighter in the First Division. When you are making a run for goal, defenders seem to be closing in on you from all sides. Fast.

Wolves didn't have a very good start to the season and went one spell of five matches without a win. We ended it against Leicester. We also suffered a 2-1 reverse against Arsenal in the F.A. Cup Fourth Round.

Good judges tell me my stan-

'MY UNIMPORTANT DEBUT' Steve Daley (Wolves)

dard has not been as high as it was last season. I think that some of the crowd have noticed this, too. But they have been very good and haven't given me any stick.

Don't get the idea I think I am playing badly or I have lost confidence. It's just certain moves are not coming off for us in midfield.

All that will change for sure. Wolves will finish nearer the top than the bottom of the table. You can have a good bet on that.

manager can drop the player to make room for a lad from the reserves.

I left home in Barnsley and joined Wolves as a junior. And I didn't make my debut until September, 1972 — at home to Southampton.

Even then I knew that it wasn't going to be permanent. There was a fellow called Mike Bailey doing some great work in midfield. Why should Bill McGarry, manager at the time, drop Mike for me? It would have been madness.

So it was just a matter of biding my time... and using that time to watch and study the styles and methods of other midfield players.

That is why my debut was so unimportant. Apart from being in the side that wins the F.A. Cup or the Championship, most players put their debut down as the highlight of their career.

In all honesty I cannot say that. My most important memory is of being an ever-present in the team that won its way back to the First Division at the first attempt.

Not only that, I scored 14 goals — six fewer than John Richards. But John was out for a long time with injury. Had he played in every match, I am convinced he would have collected 30.

The season before — when we were relegated — I played in 31 League matches, scoring six goals. And the season before that 23 League matches for one goal.

It was the progress that was pleasing me. I had waited and my patience was paying off. Mike Bailey, who had given such tremendous service to Wolves, was also beginning to feel the pace.

When Sammy Chung stepped up from coach to take over as manager, he gave me more freedom and to make use of my shooting ability by having a go for goal.

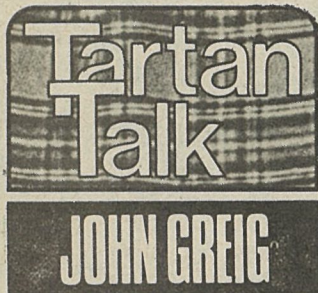
That was why I started grabbing more goals last term. I was allowed to race through the



'THE REFEREE WHO THOUGHT I'D GONE MAD'

UNLESS you have been living on the moon you must have noticed the amount of stick and criticism referees are getting these days. They have always been on the receiving end, of course, but they seem to be getting more and more abuse these days.

Why? I wish I had the answer to that question. I've been in trouble with referees, of course, but I think I have always got on fairly well with them. I respect them and I know they don't have an easy job.



There are officials, though, who try to treat grown-up professional soccer players as kids and, obviously, that is not appreciated when you are on the receiving end in front of a capacity crowd. It makes you feel foolish and doesn't endear the referee to your heart.

But I have had some amusing moments with referees. There was one, I won't mention his name, who was in charge of a game where Rangers were losing with time running out.

As I ran past him I asked: "How long to go, ref?" He checked his watch and said: "Exactly five minutes, Mr. Greig."

Before I could say thanks he added: "But I don't know what you're worrying about. You could play all day and you're never going to score a goal!"

I hate to admit it, but he was right! And there was another referee who thought I had gone mad! Rangers were playing a tour game abroad and, unfortunately, I tore my shorts. It was all I could do to keep the two pieces together.

Gestured

I tried to catch the official's attention and tell him of my problem. I gestured I would like to go off to change and promised to return as soon as possible.

He didn't understand English and just ignored me. When there was a break in play . . . I think someone heaved the ball right out of the ground, thank goodness . . . I got the other players to huddle round me, while I put on a new pair of shorts which had been hurled from the trainer's bench.

These things happen, of course. It is very embarrassing, but there's not much you can do in this situation . . . except cover up.

I remember the story of one player



ABOVE . . . John Greig (number 3) receives a yellow card against Celtic. RIGHT . . . Kilmarnock referee Hugh Alexander stands no nonsense from Aberdeen's Ian Fleming.

who had an even more embarrassing moment. He was on the substitutes' bench waiting to come on and play for his country.

The manager told him to get ready, he was going to put him on. Suddenly the player asked to be excused and the boss told him to be quick about it. The player, again I'm afraid I just couldn't name him, went to the toilet and got lost!

After about five minutes the manager sent a backroom boy to try to find his wandering substitute. Eventually he returned, went on and scored a goal, I'm happy to say.

Some referees have a keen sense of humour, but others just don't want to know. Possibly, they are under too much pressure and they can't laugh and get rid of the tension. That's unfortunate because I believe if anyone should have a sense of humour it must be the referee!

I like to speak to the refs after the game and congratulate them if I think they have had a good game. When we lost to Berwick Rangers in 1967 I was

as sick as anyone in the Rangers' dressing-room, but I had to admit the official, John Paterson, had had a good game.

I went along to see him and told him so. I think he appreciated it.

One ref I'll never forget was Tiny Wharton. What a nickname. Tom was 6ft plus and built to match. There was never any messing around when he was on the park.

Tiny was always in complete control.

He was in charge and he let everyone know it. And he treated players like adults. He, too, had a sense of humour. You might think he hadn't noticed something, but when you ran past him you would hear the whisper: "I'm watching you, Mr. Greig!"

Anyway, that's all for this week. Just remember when you go to see your favourite team next time, try to give the referee a break. He's only human and he can make mistakes like the rest of us. Remember, there couldn't be a match without that man in black.

**TARTAN TALK FROM
CELTIC'S DANNY
McGRAIN NEXT WEEK**



THE terrible weather that left Scotland covered in snow also played havoc with the Scottish Cup Third Round, but it relented in time for supporters to look forward to an exciting Fourth Round to be played as scheduled on February 18th.

In a season that has seen mighty Celtic in the very unfamiliar role of relegation candidates, two rays of hope remain for the Parkhead fans of seeing a trophy coming to Celtic.

Still in the League Cup against a vastly-improved Hearts who they meet in the Semi-Finals, Celtic's big hope is a good run in the Scottish Cup. And it was in the last round Celtic produced their highest score of the season. An encouraging sign that they will retain the Scottish Cup they won last season?

You could say Celtic's 7-1 victory was only against a First Division side. But Dundee were top of the First and looking a safe bet to join the Premier Division next season.

So Celtic boss Jock Stein was delighted to say when hearing the Fourth Round pairing with Kilmarnock: "Another home tie suits us fine. It is a good draw."

But a warning for Celtic. Kilmarnock did very well to beat Premier side St. Mirren 2-1 at Love Street in

Rangers' Derek Johnstone will be hoping to add to his goal-tally in the Fourth Round.



We take a look at the ties for the Fourth Round of the Scottish Cup, and make one firm positive prediction:

THE 'OLD FIRM' SHOULD GO THROUGH!

Drew Busby (right) seen in action against Dundee in a League game is a Hearts' star Dumbarton will have to watch.



the Third Round. Celtic, though, should take advantage of the home draw and advance into the Fifth Round.

Rangers supporters are confident of making a clean sweep of the Scottish honours this season and a home match with First Division Stirling Albion should not provide many problems for the Ibrox Park side.

With the Berwick Rangers bogey well beaten in the last round, and Derek Johnstone in superb goal-scoring form, Rangers look a safe bet for the Fifth.

Aberdeen, at home to St. Johnstone also look a good bet to reach the last eight. Two goals by Joe Harper at Pittodrie saw the end of relegation-threatened Ayr United in the last round and Aberdeen, like Rangers, are in the chase for the League and Scottish Cup double this season.

Edinburgh clubs Hibernian and Hearts should also reach the last eight.

Ally McLeod was the Hibs star in the previous round in a 4-0 Easter Road victory against East Fife (not Ally the Scottish team manager), but Hibs' dashing striker whose



two goals in the opening 18 minutes set up the Hibs' victory against The Fifers.

With a home draw against Partick Thistle or Cowdenbeath (result not known at time of going to Press), Hibs will be confident of victory and further progress.

Hearts, with former Scotland boss Willie Ormond in charge, are looking good in the First Division. Their confidence will be boosted by a 3-2 victory at Airdrie in the Third Round. Now they face another First Division side in Dumbarton at Boghead Park.

Battle

The Tynecastle side will have a tough battle on their hands as Dumbarton have only lost one League match at home, although they struggled to beat Alloa 2-1 at home in the Third Round.

Victory by First Division Queen of the South at Montrose by 3-1 earned them a tough match against Premier Division Dundee United at Tannadice Park.

Derek Addison scored twice in United's Third Round victory at

Celtic players hold aloft the Scottish Cup they won last season. They meet Kilmarnock in the Fourth Round of this season's competition. Joe Harper (right) is one of the top scorers in Scotland.



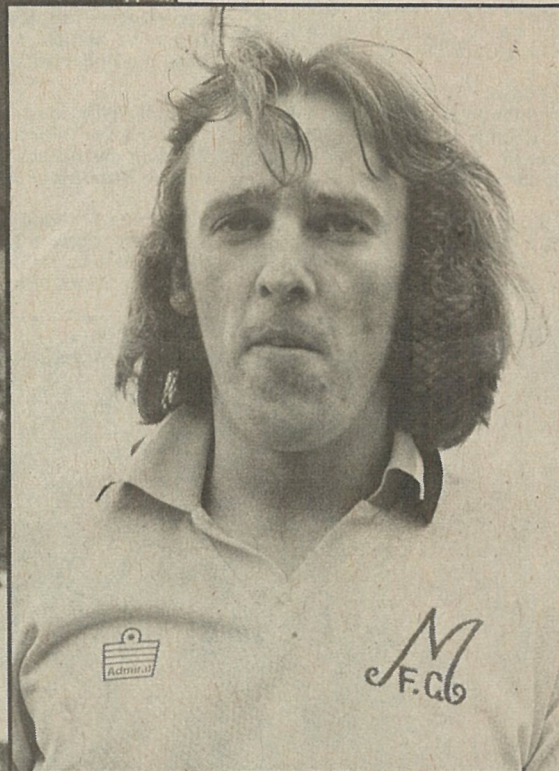
Hamilton and with Andy Rolland and Paul Hegarty playing well for United, it may prove too much of a task for the Palmerstone Park outfit.

Meadowbank Thistle struggled in the last round to beat Inverness Caley. Thistle finally winning 2-1 with two goals from Jackie Smyth.

Now they go to Morton, who share the First Division promotion challenge with Dundee and Hearts this season.

Morton could only scramble to a narrow 1-0 victory against Second Division Albion Rovers in the Third Round, but on their own pitch they should have too much goal-power for the Meadowbank side.

Queen's Park, the gallant amateurs from Hampden Park, travel to Motherwell. They won through their last Scottish Cup fixture with a single goal victory against Vale of Leithen and the prospect of meeting goalscorers Willie Pettigrew and company at Fir Park could only be sweetened by their share of the gate money.



Left . . . Paul Sturrock (right), in action v St. Mirren, will be confident Dundee United can beat Queen of the South. Motherwell's Willie Pettigrew (above) is a striker Queen's Park will have to watch.

This Scottish Cup pre-view replaces the advertised SHOOT feature 'Four Scots on their most difficult opponents, clubs and grounds.' This will now appear in a future issue of the magazine.

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S QUIZ TIME

1. Arsenal played Manchester City recently in a League Cup Quarter-Final replay at Highbury. (a) What was the final result at Maine Road in the first game and (b) who came on as a substitute for Arsenal's John Matthews at half-time in the second match?

2. After seven years as manager of Luton Town, Harry Haslam quit Kenilworth Road to take over as boss of which other Second Division club?

3. Which of these players — Martin Peters (Norwich City), Steve Williams (Southampton) or Malcolm Macdonald (Arsenal) did the likeable Haslam first spot playing non-League football and then groom into a fine player?

4. Tommy Craig was transferred from Newcastle United to Aston Villa, Ipswich Town or Middlesbrough for around £150,000, £200,000 or £250,000?

5. Former Wimbledon manager Allen Batsford has taken a temporary post scouting for Queens Park Rangers, Fulham or Spurs?

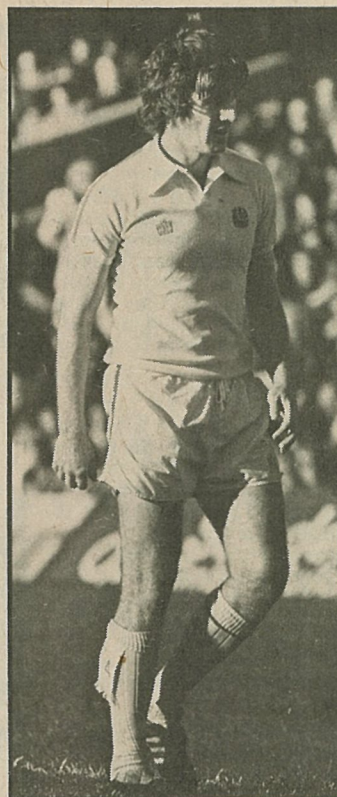
6. Why did Johnny Giles resign as boss of the Republic of Ireland recently before being re-instated?

7. The following players lined-up for Leeds United in an F.A. Cup Final at Wembley. David Harvey, Paul Reaney, Paul Madeley, Billy Bremner, Jackie Charlton, Norman Hunter, Peter Lorimer (right), Allan Clarke, Mick Jones, Johnny Giles and Eddie Gray. Was this the Elland Road side that beat Arsenal 1-0 in 1971-72 or lost to Sunderland 0-1 the following season?

8. On Saturday, January 21st, Les Bradd made his 400th first team appearance against Southampton. For which club does the long-serving striker play?

9. Billy Pirie has been scoring regularly for which Scottish First Division club this season — Dundee or Dundee United?

10. Which Millwall player scored a hat-trick against Luton Town in their 4-0 win at The Den in the F.A. Cup Fourth Round?



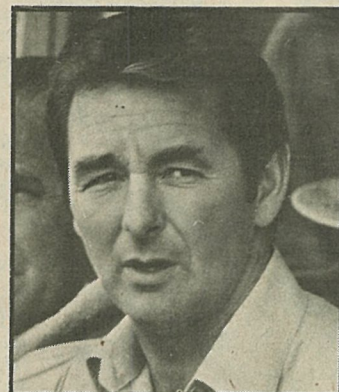
11. This photograph (left) was taken during the Chelsea v. Everton League clash at Stamford Bridge this season. See if you can answer the following questions. (a) Was the final result 0-0, 1-1 or 1-0 to Everton? (b) A controversial incident occurred towards the end, as our picture shows, when the referee awarded a penalty. Which club had the spot-kick? (c) Was it successfully converted?

12. Southend United's Alan Foggon recently went on loan to Fourth Division Southport, Hartlepool or Scunthorpe United?

13. If Nottingham Forest succeed in winning the First Division Championship this term, will Brian Clough (below) become the first, second or third boss to have managed two different title winners?

14. Still with the F.A. Cup. Queens Park Rangers beat West Ham 6-1 in a replay at Loftus Road. The Hammers took the lead when Bryan Robson, Derek Hales or David Cross scored in the opening minutes?

15. Bobby Charlton scored 47, 48 or 49 goals in 105, 106 or 107 England international appearances?



ANSWERS:

1. (a) 0-0. (b) Alan Hudson. 2. Sheffield United. 3. Malcolm Macdonald. 4. Aston Villa for around £250,000. 5. Queens Park Rangers. 6. He couldn't pick his own staff. 7. The team that beat Arsenal, 8. Notts County. 9. Dundee. 10. Ian Pearson. 11. (a) 1-0 to Everton. (b) Chelsea. (c) Ian Britton missed the spot-kick. 12. Hartlepool. 13. Second. 14. Bryan Robson. 15. 49 goals in 106 games.

GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

ACROSS:— (1) Barry Powell. (9) It. (10) Year. (11) Repast. (13) Daly. (15) Oh. (16) Joe. (17) He. (18) Bank. (20) Ninian Park. (22) Town. (23) Test. (25) Host. (26) Ice. (27) Ann. (29) Law. (30) Mud. (33) Igloo. (35) Pools. (36) Hull.

DOWN:— (1) Birmingham. (2) Ate. (3) Ryan. (4) Yes. (5) Pat Jennings. (6) Or. (7) Era. (8) Lay. (12) Points. (13) Debate. (14) Links. (17) Haw. (19) Are. (21) Iota. (24) Towel. (28) Nil. (29) Lou. (31) Up. (32) Do. (34) Oh.

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CARL HARRIS

Leeds' angry young man

ANY footballer who can steal some of the limelight from a team-mate as brilliant as Tony Currie must be something special.

Yet that is what Leeds United's Carl Harris has been doing this season. The 21-year-old Welsh winger has had fans gasping with pleasure on every ground he has displayed his ball-playing skills.

For the first time since he was plucked by Don Revie from the hotbed of Rugby Union — his native Neath in South Wales — six years ago, the slim, lightly-built attacker can regard himself as a first team regular.

"It's a great feeling, particularly as United are climbing the table steadily and reached the Semi-Finals of the League Cup," says the lad who puts Everton's Dave Thomas and Manchester City's Peter Barnes at the top of his list of most dangerous wingers.

"At long last, I think fans outside Yorkshire are beginning to give us credit for serving up attractive, exciting football. Everyone in the team aims to give spectators value for money and it's encouraging when our fan mail and the treatment we get in the national Press indicates we're succeeding."

Skilful

A fair share of the credit for the changing attitude towards Leeds must go to the lad who week after week is thrilling fans with his breath-taking dashes down the flanks and his skilful ball-control.

Recently, thanks to manager Jimmy Armfield's attack-minded policy of including that other purposeful winger, Scottish international Arthur Graham, in the same team as Harris to give Leeds width up-front, the quietly-spoken Welshman has received rave notices which would have turned the head of someone less modest.

But the home-loving youngster who likes nothing better than to spend an evening listening to pop music with his 21-year-old wife Karen, whom he met when they were both young teenagers at the same school, shrugs off the pressures of his newly-acquired stardom.

"I find it easy to accept the praise and adulation because twice I was given the chance to establish myself in United's first team and each time I boomed," he points out.

"So if I'm tempted to get big-headed and over-confident I just remind myself of the past.

"Two years ago the boss gave me a run but it was a disastrous experience. Whether it was lack of confidence I don't know. But I never seemed to get involved in any of the games and he had no option but to drop me.

"Then last season I was picked for a string of games but again I let myself down. This time Mr. Armfield's faith in me appears to have been justified.

"I suppose you could put my success this time down to anger. You see I'd performed reasonably well in a few games when he made me substitute in November. That annoyed me.

"Fortunately I hadn't long to

wait for another chance. I was sent on after the interval against Norwich City at Elland Road on November 5 and everything clicked for me. I even regained my place in the full Welsh international team."

But Leeds' angry young man, who has played for his country at every level, takes nothing for granted. His philosophy is: If you're not playing well you mustn't complain if you're dropped.

He says: "A manager has a thankless task keeping a big pool of players happy. That's an occupational hazard of football."

However, he admits that at one time last autumn he would willingly have packed his bags and left Elland Road. He explains:

"When my prospects looked bleak at the start of the season I would have gone almost anywhere to get First Division football.

"So when I heard our former chief coach, Don Howe, now with Arsenal, was interested in me I saw the boss about a possible transfer.

"Fortunately for me he wouldn't even put a price on my head. I realised then I figured prominently in his plans so I resolved to stay for a little while longer to prove I was worth a place in the side."

Armfield, of course, knows better than most managers which yardstick to use in assessing a winger's ability. The United boss, one of England's most distinguished post-War full-backs and a player who attacked at the slightest opportunity, says: "Carl has the ability to be another George Best. What's more, he won't be spoiled by success.

"When I took over at Leeds I realised his enormous potential. Unfortunately he failed to make the most of his first team opportunities. But recently he has matured as a player and is reading the game much better.

"We always knew he was one of the fastest wingers in the First Division — now he's proving he can work with his team-mates. And that makes him doubly dangerous."



Leeds manager Jimmy Armfield (right) believes United's Welsh international winger Carl Harris (above) could become another George Best.





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